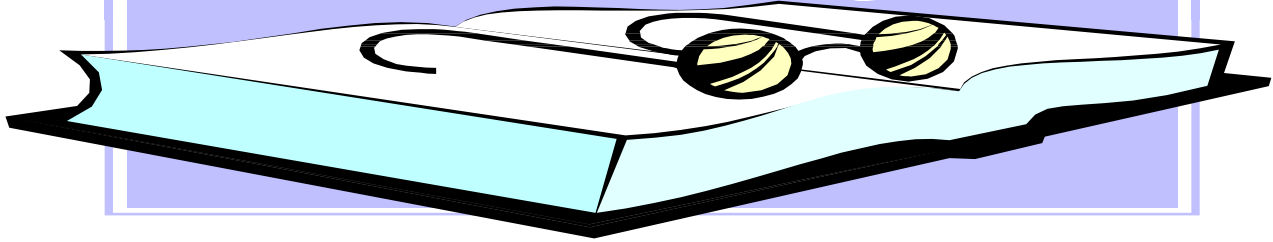


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Topic:
“Gods’ Word: Faith’s Firm Foundation”



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God's Word: Faith's Firm Foundation

Lesson #1:

God's Word: Faith's Firm Foundation in Perilous Times

2 Timothy 3:1-13

Proposition: **The word of God fortifies our faith by warning us about the challenges that we will face in perilous times.**

- I. There will be an increase in moral decay.** [People will go from bad to worse] (1-4)
- A. They will become self-centered and egotistical.
 - B. They will become disrespectful and rebellious.
 - C. They will become cruel and abusive.
 - D. They will become stubborn and arrogant.
 - E. They will become disloyal and immoral.
- II. There will be an increase in godless formalism.** [People will have a form of godliness but deny its power] (5-9)
- A. They will take advantage of weak people.
 - B. They will reject the truth.
 - C. They will rebel against God's leaders.
 - D. They will have corrupt minds.
 - E. They will not go very far.
 - F. They will be exposed.
- III. There will be an increase in religious persecution.** (10-12)
- A. Persecution comes to those who live godly in Christ Jesus.
 - B. Persecution comes, but it must be endured, not escaped.
 - C. Persecution comes, but God will deliver us out of them all.
- IV. There will be an increase in religious imposters.** (13)
- A. These imposters are evil.
 - B. These imposters are deceiving many.
 - C. These imposters are being deceived.



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Lesson #2:

God's Word: Faith's Firm Foundation in Perilous Times

2 Timothy 3:1-13

Proposition: **The word of God is the firm foundation upon which we build our faith and live our lives.**

I God's word is a solid foundation upon which to build our lives and those of our children's. (2 Tim. 3:14, 15)

- A. We should be our children's first Christian Educators, teaching them God's word. (2 Tim. 1:5)
- B. We should bring them to the church, where they can attend all facets of its teaching ministry.
- C. We should model the life-long study of God's word for our family members.

II. God's word makes us wise unto salvation. (2 Tim. 3:14, 15)

- A. By studying the Holy Scriptures we can learn God's plan of salvation.
- B. By studying the Holy Scriptures we can learn how salvation comes through faith in Christ.

III. God's Word transforms us in every area of our lives. (2 Tim. 3:16)

- A. God's Word is inspired and is useful for doctrine: teaching the truth.
- B. God's Word is inspired and is useful for reproof: reproofing false doctrine/wrong thinking,
- C. God's Word is inspired and is useful for correction: correcting immorality/bad behavior.
- D. God's Word is inspired and is useful for instruction in righteousness: training in right living.

IV. God's Word enables us to reach our full potential as God's people. (2 Tim. 3:17)

- A. God's word helps us grow to maturity in Christ.
- B. God's word helps to equip us for the good works that God calls us to do.