

Remain Faithful in the Face of Pressure

Faithfulness means to be reliable and consistently dependable.

Be faithful in one's character, judgement, performance and results.

In a world of opposing worldviews and opposition to sound doctrine character is critical.

How does the next generation stand in the face of pressure and opposition?

Consider **2 Timothy 3:10-17**

NKJ **2 Timothy 3:10** But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, ¹¹ persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra -- what persecutions I endured. And out of *them* all the Lord delivered me. ¹² Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. ¹³ But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, ¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Paul's instruction to the next generation was to remember.

I

Remember the **character** of the one who taught you. *Vs 10*

NLT **2 Timothy 3:10** But you, Timothy, certainly know what I teach, and how I live, and what my purpose in life is. You know my faith, my patience, my love, and my endurance.

II

Remember the assignment and **charge** you received. *Vs 11-12*

NLT **2 Timothy 3:11** You know how much persecution and suffering I have endured. You know all about how I was persecuted in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra-- but the Lord rescued me from all of it. ¹² Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

III

Remember the **challenge** of evil men, seducers and deceivers. *Vs 13-14*

NLT **2 Timothy 3:13** But evil people and impostors will flourish. They will deceive others and will themselves be deceived. ¹⁴ But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you.

IV

Remember your **commission** to hold fast to the scriptures. *Vs 15-17*

NLT **2 Timothy 3:15** You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful **to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.** ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

As you progress on your journey remember your character, your charge, your challenges and your commission.

NKJ **Joshua 1:8** "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."

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