



Follow The Leader

2 Timothy 3:10-11

Hard times were coming (2 Tim.3:1-5)

- Persecutions would increase
- Persecutions would test faith
- Paul was concerned for Timothy (1 T.1:2)
 - not physical health, but spiritual

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- Met in Lystra, Ac.16:1-2.
- Timothy could not follow his father's example; adopted Paul.
- Now his father must die.
- Paul reminds Timothy of his past, urges him to stay the course.

2 Tim.3:10

You have
followed

1 Tim.4:6

I. My Doctrine

- Teaching; what I teach
- Same as other apostles, 1 Co.14:37;
2 Pt.3:16
- Not afraid to tell whole truth, Ac.20:27
- Stayed in truth despite its cost,
2 Co.8:21

Some defend
immoral practices

Get as close to the
line as possible

I. My Doctrine

II. My Manner Of Life

- How I live; my conduct
- Paul was no hypocrite who preached one way, lived another. 1 Co.4:17

'Some preachers know the Book,
but not its Author'

I. My Doctrine

II. My Manner Of Life

III. My Purpose

- Purpose for my life; aim, plan, resolve.
 - Ac.11:23
 - Ph.1:21

'The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why'

- I. My Doctrine
- II. My Manner Of Life
- III. My Purpose

IV. My Faith

- Fidelity; commitment.
 1. Firm conviction, Ro.10:17
 2. Personal surrender, Mk.16:16; Ga.3
 3. Conduct based on these, 2 Co.5:7;
2 Tim.4:7; Ja.2:18

2 Timothy 1:12

Suffering, poverty, execution – yet
not ashamed. Lk.23:46

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V. My Longsuffering

- Patience; long-temper; patience with people.
- 2 Tim.4:2
 - Changes do not occur overnight
 - Must be patient, persistent, self-controlled

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VI. My Love

- Choice that shows goodwill to others
- Known only by actions it prompts
 - 1.** 2 Tim.1:13, Paul's faith and love in Christ demand sound doctrine
 - 2.** 2 Tim.2:22, pure, not carnal / selfish
 - 3.** 2 Tim.4:8, yearns to be with Lord

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VII. My Perseverance

- **Endurance:** capacity to hold out or bear up in face of difficulty; fortitude; steadfastness.
- **Patience with things / circumstances.**

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VIII. My Persecutions

- A program or process designed to harass and oppress someone.
- Ac.8:1; 13:50
 - ▶ **Antioch** – run out of town, Ac.13:50
 - ▶ **Iconium** – almost stoned, Ac.14:5-6
 - ▶ **Lystra** – stoned, Ac.14:19-20

‘Never pity the man who is persecuted because of his commitment but feel sorry for the man whose life was never worth persecuting’

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IX. My Afflictions

- Suffering, misfortune.
- Ac.14, Paul offered Timothy persecution.

The Only Conclusions:

- 1.** The Bible is true.
- 2.** Their faith is genuine.