

Questions for Consideration—With the Master Holding Fast to the Truth—Lesson 16—2 Timothy 3:10-12—What does a Godly Life Look Like?

1. (a) Read 2 Timothy 3:10-12. What word is repeated in these three verses? (b) Why does godly living produce persecution?

2. Memorize 2 Timothy 3:12.

3. (a) What are the results of following sound doctrine according to Acts 2:42-47; Romans 16:17-19; Ephesians 4:14-16; 2 Timothy 3:16,17; Titus 2:6-8 and 2 John 1:9-11? (b) What are the results of following false doctrine according to Romans 16:17-19; Ephesians 4:14-16; 1 Timothy 1:3,4; 2 Timothy 4:3,4; Hebrews 13:8,9 and 2 John 1:9-11? (c) Are you in a church that is teaching sound doctrine? (You should be able to evaluate its fruits from the verses above.) (d) How can you use the above verses to help others who are sitting under wrong doctrine?

4. (a) Paul mentions in 2 Timothy 3:11 about persecutions and afflictions that happened to him at Antioch, Iconium and Lystra. Read Acts 13 and 14 to discover what these persecutions and afflictions were. (b) Why will godly men and women suffer persecution according to Matthew 5:11,12; 10:17-23; 24:9-11; Mark 13:9-13; John 15:20-25; and 2 Timothy 3:12? (c) How does this encourage you or discourage you? (d) What should be our attitude when persecuted for Christ according to Matthew 5:12 and 1 Peter 4:14?

5. (a) What are some of the other afflictions Paul went through as seen in 2 Corinthians 11:22-33? (b) What is his attitude about his afflictions as seen in 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10? (c) How can we too develop these same attitudes when going through persecution?

6. Read Psalm 34 and write down at least five ways this Psalm could comfort someone whose facing persecution and affliction?

7. Come with a request for yourself or someone else who is suffering for cause of Christ.