

The Antidote for our Age

2 Tim. 3:10-17

The Book of 2 Timothy

Theme:

The only antidote [cure, remedy, corrective] to the threat of apostasy is the Word of God.

Introduction:

“Second Timothy moves into its climactic section beginning in 3:10 and extending through 4:8. What makes this section climactic is the return to impassioned exhortation, exhortation to Timothy to learn from Paul’s example as he conducts his ministry in the aftermath of his mentor’s impending death.”¹

- Identify with the Word (1:8).
- Guard the Word (1:13).
- Continue in the Word (3:14).
- Preach the Word (4:2).

Outline:

The Apostasy of our Age (vv. 1-9)

The Antidote for our Age (vv. 10-17)

- I. Timothy followed Paul’s Pattern (vv. 10-14; cf. 1:13).
- II. Timothy followed Parental Pedagogy; Paul’s Present Exhortation – Continue (vv. 14-17; cf. 1:3-7)
 - A. The Word’s Simplicity (v. 15a [from childhood])
 - B. The Word’s Significance (v. 15b [are able to make you wise])
 - C. The Word’s Source (v. 16a [inspired])
 - D. The Word’s Single-mindedness (v. 17 [so that])

Shepherding the Sheep (What’s the NEXT STEP?)

To the Elders: Make sure you stay Jesus/gospel-centered.

To the believing: Make sure your relationship with God is Christ-centered and Word-based.

To the unbelieving: To reject Jesus is to reject the only source of eternal life and godly living.

¹ http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=1836