

# Loving the Truth of God's Word (2 Timothy 3:1-17)

*Four Priorities for Life – Part 4*  
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*Psalm 119:160 (NIV) All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal.*

*John 14:6 (NIV) Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

## 1. The truth of God's Word \_\_\_\_\_

*2 Timothy 3:1 (NIV) But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days.*

### 1A. God's Word warns against \_\_\_\_\_ people

*2 Timothy 3:2-4 (NIV) People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God--*

### 1B. Stay away from those who \_\_\_\_\_ the truth

*2 Timothy 3:5 (NIV) having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.*

*2 Timothy 3:7-8 (NIV) always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth. ... these men oppose the truth--men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected.*

## 2. The truth of God's Word \_\_\_\_\_

*2 Timothy 3:10 (NIV) You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance,*

### 2A. All who live by God's truth will be \_\_\_\_\_

*2 Timothy 3:12 (NIV) In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,*

### 2B. God \_\_\_\_\_ those who stand for truth

*2 Timothy 3:11 (NIV) persecutions, sufferings--what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them.*

## 3. The truth of God's Word \_\_\_\_\_

*2 Timothy 3:14 (NIV) But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it,*

### 3A. Faith in God's Word \_\_\_\_\_

*2 Timothy 3:15 (NIV) and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.*

### 3B. God's Word equips for \_\_\_\_\_

*2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV) All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

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## Study Guide

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Intro. What does Psalm 119:160 say about the truth of God's Word?

In what way is the truth of God's Word an exclusive truth (John 14:6)?

What are some examples of society's relative truth applied to religion?

What is wrong with the view that the differences between all churches and denominations with the Christian label should be accepted?

1A. In what ways are we in terrible or difficult times (2 Timothy 3:1)?

1B. Which of the characteristics in 2 Timothy 3:2-4 do you see as problematic in our society?

1C. What does it mean to "have a form of godliness but deny its power"? Why are we warned to have nothing to do with such people (2 Timothy 3:5)?

1D. What is the relationship of these false believers to the truth of God's Word (2 Timothy 3:7-8)?

1E. How can you keep the influence of such people and their thinking out of your life?

2A. How is the fruit of the life of a true believer the opposite of a false believer (2 Timothy 3:10)?

2B. Why will everyone who stands for the truth be persecuted (2 Timothy 3:12)?

2C. In what way does God rescue all who are persecuted (2 Timothy 3:11)? How can you share the truth of God's Word within your circle of influence?

3A. How does the truth of God's Word bring about salvation (2 Timothy 3:15)?

3B. What is Scripture useful for? What does Scripture equip us for (2 Timothy 3:16-17)?

3C. What steps can you take to be more thoroughly equipped for good work by God's Word?