

GPS for Life

2 Timothy 3:10-4:8

Life is the most critical journey

How do you know the way to go?



2 Timothy 3:1-4:8

Plenty of people are doing the wrong way...

Timothy: deciding which path to take

Paul: Suffering & persecution; Teaching that rebukes; Fruit of Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, ...; Fewer people; Christ's teaching; Ends in rich blessing

Others: Easier life (it seems); Telling me I'm okay; Proud, abusive, ungrateful, unforgiving; Crowded; Pleasure seeking; Ends in disaster

The Big Idea

The road for a truly good life is guided by the Bible and those who follow it

Crossway Core Values: <https://crosswaymchurch.org>

God's Word: We believe that God has spoken, and continues to speak, to all of His people through the Bible. (2 Timothy 3:14-17; Hebrews 4:12-13)

1. So the Bible and its teachings are central to our ministries and gatherings as a church.
2. We encourage all of our people to read and study the Bible, whether it is individually, in small groups, or as a church, using the languages and tools that are best suited to them while also being accurate and clear in the expression of God's message in His Word. (Acts 17:10-12)

Action Items

Make the Bible central to life (and ministry)

Pray: Ask God to speak through His Word

"Give me the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that I may know you better." Ephesians 1:17

Trust that God will do it

Read to know God better

Read the Bible to hear God's voice (listen)

Perhaps a chapter each day

Read the Gospels multiple times: Mark, Matthew, Luke, John

<https://www.bible.com/bible/>

Be shaped by what it says: meditate on it

Memorize it: John 3:16; Psalm 23 or 1 Corinthians 13

Question, puzzle, ponder, draw, paraphrase, ...

With others

<https://app2.ibell.org/Memory24>

Do what it says

"Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me.

The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them." John 14:21

Learn from good "teachers"

Teacher = Whatever or whoever shapes your heart and mind

Who teach the Bible: "You know my teaching..."

Directly & Indirectly

Who live the Bible: "You know my way of life..."

Good to have other voices as secondary

Avoiding a very common error...

Picking what makes sense to me

Picking what says what I want to hear (it never confronts me)

Be a good "teacher"

Everything we say and do is influencing others

Ask: "How is what I am saying and doing either pointing TO Jesus or TO something else?"

Psalm 1

Reflection Questions for later today or this week...

1. Who or what are influential teachers in your life? That is, they shape your heart and mind?
2. What does it look like, or what might it look like, for the Bible to be central to your life (and ministry)?
3. Who or what are the teachers you choose to have in your life?
4. What does it look like for you to be a good "teacher" of others?

Conversation starters

Who or what are influential teachers in your life?

That is, who or what shapes your heart and mind?

If God spoke so people could understand, what do you think He'd say?