

God's transforming Word

2 Timothy 3:10-4:5 – ODBC Core Value #1

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I. OUR SINFUL WORLD WILL CONSTANTLY OPPOSE GOD AND GODLINESS (2 TIMOTHY 3:10-13).

- A. Paul taught and lived God's Word and was persecuted severely, yet delivered by God (10-11).
- B. Persecution is normal and evil will get worse (12-13).

II. ONLY GOD'S WORD CAN SAVE AND TRANSFORM LIVES IN AN EVIL WORLD (2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17).

- A. Priority: We must keep teaching scripture, beginning with children so they can be saved (14-15).
- B. Authority: Scripture is God's actual words to transform and equip us to be godly (16-17).

III. DECLARING GOD'S WORD MUST BE THE CORE MINISTRY FOCUS OF A CHURCH (2 TIMOTHY 4:1-5).

- A. A church and its teachers must declare God's Word since Christ will return and judge everyone (4:1-2).
- B. The church must preach God's Word because false teachers say what people want to hear (4:3-4).
- C. God's servants must endure, evangelize and serve (4:5).