

Lifetime Discipleship

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I. Introduction.

- A. The basic question is what is right not who is right. God resists the proud.
- B. Text: II Timothy.
- C. Paul gives us seven men who failed. We can know in advance what the enemy is going to do so that we do not fail also.
- D. Paul finished because he decided to finish. (II Timothy 4:7)

II. Men walked away because of fear. (II Timothy 1)

- A. They were ashamed and afraid of Paul, his message and his suffering.
- B. Paul's message had to do with the sufficiency of Jesus. (I Corinthians 1:17-2:5)
 - 1. People were embarrassed by this though.
 - 2. The ministry is not ashamed of the inerrancy of the Bible or the deity of Jesus Christ.
- C. If there is fear in your heart claim II Timothy 1:7 in your prayer. Counter your fear with the promise of a sound mind.

III. Men walked away because of falsehood. (II Timothy 2)

- A. Men end up being a casualty by being a perversion of the truth.
- B. People get into false doctrine because they have a bad conscience.
- C. The key is to study the Word of God.

IV. Men attacked the Bible because of the flesh. (II Timothy 3)

- A. Men do this to hide their own immorality.
- B. When you deal with the devil, you stand. When you deal with the flesh, you run.

V. Men walked away because of fatigue. (II Timothy 4)

Application questions:

1. Memorize II Timothy 1:7 and write it below. How can this verse aid you in your spiritual walk?

2. Why do we deal with the “flesh” and the devil differently? Explain.

3. What is your system for getting into God’s Word? How can you challenge yourself in this area?
