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MORNING MESSAGE

“Preach the Word”

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2a

- I. THE ASSURANCE OF THE WORD (3:14)
 - A. Paul says to continue in the Word (v.14a)
 1. Timothy had been taught the Word of God by his mother, Eunice, and his grandmother, Lois (1:5)
 2. “Continue” means to abide, dwell, remain, or stay
 - B. Paul states his confidence in the Word (v.14b)
 1. Timothy had learned the scriptures
 - a. “Learned” means to learn by study, observation, and asking questions
 - b. “Assured” means to be convinced
- II. THE AIM OF THE WORD (3:15)
 - A. The aim of the scripture is to lead people to salvation
 1. The Word paints a picture of salvation (v.15a)
 - a. Timothy learned the Word as a child; “child” translates the Greek “brephos” that describes a baby in the womb (Luke 1:41) and a baby in a manger (Luke 2:16)
 - b. Timothy learned the Old Testament stories
 2. The Word points to the Person of salvation (v.15b)
 - a. The Person of salvation is Jesus
 - b. John 5:39, “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me”
 3. People get saved around the Word of God
- III. THE AUTHORITY OF THE WORD (3:16-17)
 - A. The inspiration of the Word (v.16a)
 1. “Inspiration” means it is God-breathed
 - a. 2 Peter 1:21, “For the prophecy came not in old times by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost”
 - B. The intent of the Word
 1. It tells us what to believe (v.16b)
 2. It tells us how to behave (v.16c)
 3. It tells us what we will become (v.17)
- IV. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WORD (4:1-2)
 - A. The seriousness of the announcement (4:1)
 1. “Charge” means to challenge or commission
 - B. The subject of the announcement (4:2a)
 1. “Preach” means to herald or proclaim
 2. “Word” means the written Word of God; it is the holy scriptures or the sacred writings