

PAUL, A GOOD EXAMPLE

II Timothy 3:10-14

Intro:

- A. We are living in the last days.
 - 1. There are those like the evil men earlier described in this chapter.
 - 2. There are men like Paul.
- B. It is important to have examples.
 - 1. It is difficult to know how to be what we should be by studying concepts only.
 - 2. Jesus is our supreme examples.

I. The Example Of Paul.

- A. Vs 10 "But thou hast fully known my doctrine,..."
 - 1. "Fully known" = παρακολουθεω = "to follow closely"
This may also describe the relation of a disciple to his master.
 - 2. "Doctrine" = διδασκαλια = "teaching".
 - 3. "...have known intimately" - PHI "my teaching"
- B. "...manner of life, purpose, faith,..."
 - 1. "Manner of life" = αγωγή = "the way one leads his life".
 - 2. "Purpose" = προθεσις = "purpose", "guiding motive".
 - 3. "Faith" = πιστος
- C. "...longsuffering, charity, patience,"
 - 1. "Longsuffering" = μακροθυμια = "patient enduring".
 - 2. "Charity" = αγαπη = "love".
 - 3. "Patience" = ὑπομονη = "bearing under", "patient and hopeful endurance".
 - 4. "My long waiting, my love, my steadfastness" - MOF
- D. Vs 11 "Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra;..."

1. "Persecutions" = διωγμος = "pursuit, as of enemies chasing a victim".
2. "Afflictions" = παθημα = "suffering affliction".
3. Paul mentions specific locations.

E. "...what persecutions I endured:..."

1. "Persecutions" = διωγμος = "as a hunted one".
2. "Endured" = ὑποφερια = "to bear by being under", "to be under and carry a heavy load".

F. "...but out of them all the Lord delivered me."

1. "Delivered" = ῥυομαι = "to rescue", "to snatch from danger".
2. And the Lord rescued me out of them all.

II. The Inevitable To The Godly. Vs 12

A. "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus..."

1. "Yea, and all who wish to live godly" - ABUV
2. "...all who have a strong desire to live a godly life", "all who are determined...".

B. "...shall suffer persecution."

1. "Suffer persecution" = διωκω = "to cause to flee", "to pursue after".
2. "Persecution is inevitable for those who are determined to live really Christian lives" - PHI

III. The Evil Times Will Furnish Opportunity To Suffer Evil.

A. "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse,..." Vs 13a

1. "Evil" = ποιηπος = "causing sorrow and pain".
2. "Seducers" = γοης = "one who howls incantations", "one who practices magic art", "swindler", "a cheat".
3. "Wax" = προκοπτω = "to drive forward with repeated strokes", "to beat ahead".
4. "Worse and worse" = επι το χειρον = "upon the road

to the worse", "in the direction of the worse".
5. "But wicked men and impostors will advance from
bad to worse..." - CON

B. "...deceiving, and being deceived."

1. "Deceiving" = πλαναω = "to lead astray".
2. "misleading others and mislead themselves"

IV. The Course Timothy Should Take.

A. "But continue thou in the things which thou hast
learned..." Vs 14a

1. "Continue" = μενω = "to remain". It means for
this to be constant and continual.
2. "Learned" = μαθησανω = "to learn".
3. "You must stand in the truths you have learned..."

B. "...and hast been assured of,..."

1. "Assured" = πιστωω = "to make reliable".
2. "and been led to rely upon" - WMS

C. "...knowing of whom thou hast learned them;"

1. "knowing who your teachers were" - WEY
2. "well aware from whom you learned"

