



1. Understand _____ (3:12-13)

3:12 Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, **13** while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it **15** and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. **16** All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in

2. Respect _____ (3:14-17)

righteousness, **17** that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

4:1 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom:

2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

3. Demand _____ (4:1-4)

3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, **4** and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. (ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Psalm 119:105-112**. What are some of the subtle signs that the Bible is becoming to you just another opinion or suggestion, instead of being treated as the authoritative word of God?
2. Read **Psalm 119:41-48**. What are some of the specific and practical indicators that someone truly loves God's word?
3. Read **2 Timothy 3:1-13**. What are some of the symptoms our culture currently displays that demonstrate an underlying antagonism towards God's truth and a departure from the fear of God?
4. Read **2 Timothy 4:3-4** and **1 Thessalonians 2:13**. How would you rate your receptivity to forthright and undiluted preaching of the Bible? Why is this kind of preaching unappealing to some, but celebrated by others?
5. What are some of the specific things you can pray for which will help keep our church grounded in God's word and protected from "wandering off"?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (*Reading Plans: Through the Bible*) for schedule prompts.

September 18th

Ecc. 4-6 & 2Cor. 10

September 19th

Ecc. 7-9 & 2Cor. 11:1-15

September 20th

Ecc. 10-12 & 2Cor. 11:16-33

September 21st

Song 1-3 & 2Cor. 12

September 22nd

Song 4-5 & 2Cor. 13

September 23rd

Song 6-8 & Gal. 1

September 24th

Is. 1-3 & Gal. 2

September 25th

Is. 4-6 & Gal. 3

For sermons on MP3 go to FPR.info. The following are other available sermons related to today's subject matter.

CD # 0421 – **Reaffirming God's Word as Our Ultimate Authority**

CD # 0024 – **What's So Special About the Bible?**

CD # 0658 – **God's Words: The Most Underappreciated Commodity**

CD # 9839 – **The Berean Balance: How to Be Discerning without Being Paranoid**

CD # 9817-9820 – **The Reliability of the Bible** (a four-part series)

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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Geisler, Norman & William Nix. **A General Introduction to the Bible, Revised & Expanded**. Moody Press, 1986.

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