

Getting Good Counsel (2 Timothy 3:10-17)

Need Direction? – Part 5

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Proverbs 15:22 (NIV) Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.

1. Consider the counselor's _____

1A. Listen to a _____ counselor

2 Timothy 3:10 (NIV) You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance,

1B. Listen to a _____ counselor

2 Timothy 3:11-12 (NIV) persecutions, sufferings ... Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

1C. Listen to counselors you _____, not imposters

2 Timothy 3:13-14 (NIV) while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it,

2. Evaluate the counsel by God's _____

2 Timothy 3:15 (NIV) and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

2A. Receive _____ counsel

2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV) All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

2B. Be _____ with biblical counsel

2 Timothy 3:17 (NIV) so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

3. Beware of _____ counselors

3A. Ungodly counselors _____ God's Word

2 Timothy 4:3a (NIV) For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine.

3B. Ungodly counselors _____ people

2 Timothy 4:3b (NIV) Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

3C. Ungodly counselors teach _____

2 Timothy 4:4 (NIV) They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

2 Timothy 3:4-5 (NIV) lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God-- having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.

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Study Guide

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Intro. What are the criterion that you think most people make decisions with?

What input should a believer get before making an important decision?

According to Proverbs 15:22, what is the role of counsel in decision-making?

- 1A. Why is it important to know the character of the person you wish to receive counsel from (2 Timothy 3:10)?
- 1B. In what sense is suffering/persecution a mark of a godly counselor (2 Timothy 3:11-12)?
- 1C. How does knowing a person personally lead to receiving good counsel (2 Timothy 3:13-14)?
- 1D. What options do you have for receiving good counsel? Where else might you receive good counsel?

- 2A. Why must all counsel be evaluated by God's Word (2 Timothy 3:15)?
- 2B. Explain the four-fold purpose of Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16). How do those purposes apply to good counsel?
- 2C. In what ways does biblical counsel equip you to carry out God's plan for your life (2 Timothy 3:17)?
- 2D. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in evaluating counsel by God's Word?
- 3A. How do ungodly counselors twist God's Word (2 Timothy 4:3a)?
- 3B. How do ungodly counselors tell people what they want to hear (2 Timothy 4:3b)?
- 3C. What kind of myths do false teachers mislead people with (2 Timothy 4:4)?
- 3D. How can you discern and have nothing to do with these type of ungodly counselors (2 Timothy 3:4-5)?