

Timothy, Finish Well! – Many Will Not (2 Timothy 3:1-5)

v. 1: The _____ days – _____ to bear

vv. 2-4 – characteristics of some professing believers

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| 1. Lovers of _____ | 10. Irreconcilable |
| 2. Lovers of _____ | 11. Malicious _____ |
| 3. Boastful | 12. Without self _____ |
| 4. _____ | 13. Brutal |
| 5. Revilers | 14. Haters of _____ |
| 6. Disobedient to _____ | 15. Treacherous |
| 7. Ungrateful | 16. Reckless |
| 8. _____ | 17. _____ |
| 9. Unloving | 18. Love _____ vs. God |

v. 5 – Have a *form of godliness* = an _____ appearance

- Denial of true _____

Take-Away

Self-Check: Who is my _____ love? The Lord Jesus or _____?

Who wins when there is a _____ to be made?

1. Do I take _____ to be _____
2. Do I make Christ-centered _____

Our Opportunity: to show there is a _____ way

1. Lovers of self → loving God and _____
2. Lovers of money → use money to help others & advance _____
3. Boastful → humble: thinking / speaking less _____ of self
4. Arrogant → humble: thinking more highly of _____
5. *etc.*

True Versus Pretend Godliness (v. 5)

1. The power of the _____ in a life
 - Is there testimony of the _____ work in my life?
2. The power of the _____ to _____ a life
 - My part – 2 Tim. 2:15

2 Timothy		Finishing the Course	
Chapter 1	Chapter 2	Chapters 3 – 4	
Learning from the Past	Living in the Present	Looking to the Future	
Remember...	Entrust the gospel	Finish Well	
...God's promise of life	to faithful men	Many will not	
...God's work in you	Endure the hardship		
...God's call of us	of the ministry		
...Guard the gospel	Exercise discernment		
...God's servants	in your pastoral ministry		

Discussion Questions:

1. What are those persons or things that compete most fiercely for my *first-love* for Jesus Christ?
 - What are some steps I can take to “win” more of those conflicts?
 - Am I dealing with an important decision in my life right now? What would constitute a *Christ-centered* decision?

Can I see with eyes of faith some of the potential fall-out in my life if I choose *against* a *Christ-centered* decision?
2. Can I give testimony to the Holy Spirit's work in my life?

What are one or two ways I can get more securely grounded in the Word of God in my life now (2 Tim. 2:15)?
3. What is *one thing* you definitely want to take away with you from today's message?

How do you plan to *follow through* on that *one thing*?