

2 Timothy 3:1-17 – Gospel help and gospel hinderances

How are you planning to ensure that you keep following Jesus?

... Timothy must remain faithful to what he has been taught from the word of God.

2 Tim 3:1, “in the last days things will be terrible for those who follow Jesus”.

When are the last days?

... the day of Pentecost, in these “last days” that the Spirit of God will be poured out on God’s people.

Letter to the Hebrews ... in these last days God has spoken to us through his Son.

Following Jesus well

1) Be aware of false teachers

a) Their actions expose them

2 Tim 3:2.

2 Tim 3:4 ... the loyalties of their heart is NOT directed to God or his word.

Verse 5, “all the outward forms of godliness but they do not have the power”.

b) God’s power denied

... godliness with power is found only in the gospel of Jesus Christ

...they seek to deceive others.

2) Grasp God’s word firmly

2 Tim 3:14ff.

2 Tim 3:15 ... only the Holy Scriptures are able to make people wise for salvation.

For us today

Firstly, ... expect that following Jesus is not a walk in the park.

... the open rejection of God’s word among those who claim to follow Jesus.

... have nothing to do with them.

Secondly ... raise warning flags to us about how our own heart can drift from loving God to loving other things.

Finally, we need to be remain biblical.