

Furnishing Your Life!

2 Timothy 3

“that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished...” 3:17

Background:

2Ti.2:15 – Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2Ti.2:20 – But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

1. The Last Day Culture is Dangerous, Empty and Doomed (1–9)

“No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of [this] life” 2Ti.2:4

- a. LD Culture Exudes the Fierce Frustration of a Maniac (v.1–5) Mt.8:28
 - i. Toward Self
 - ii. Toward Relationships
 - iii. Toward Authority
 - iv. Toward Opportunity
 - v. Toward God
- b. LD Culture Ever Learns but Frustratedly Never Knows (v.6–8)
 - i. Weak Mind – LD Culture preys on weak minds leaving heavy burdens
 - ii. Depraved Mind – LD Culture promotes weak minds devoid of Truth
- c. LD Culture Ends in Frustrated Ruin (v. 9) these self-destruct and face judgement

2. The Last Day Contrast is Peaceable, Rich and Enduring (10–12)

“I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord” Ph.3:8

- a. Believers ‘Keep’ Their Testimony! (v.10) “thou hast fully known my”
- b. Believers Show Christian Calm in their... (v.10)
 - i. His Exegesis – “Doctrine” – attends to teaching
 - ii. His Excitement – “Manner of Life” – conduct / what leads you
 - iii. His End Zone – “Purpose” – aims
 - iv. His Eyes – “Faith” – seeing the invisible world above
 - v. His Endurance – “Long-suffering” – patience
 - vi. His Expression – “Charity” – affections (Pr.4:23)
 - vii. His Experience – “Patience” – steadfastness
- c. Believers Endure... (v.10–12) Jn.15:18
 - i. Persecutions – oppositions, hostility (Antioch/Ac.13:46 – “we turn to the Gentiles”)
 - ii. Afflictions – cruel attacks (Iconium/Ac.14:4 – “use them despitefully, and stone them”)
 - iii. Increasing fierceness (v.13) (Lystra/Ac.14:19 – “stoned Paul, drew him out of the city”)

3. The Last Day Charge is ‘Furnish Your Life’ (13–17)

“Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law” Ps.119:18

- a. “Continue in” the Scriptures (v.14) do not stray
- b. Profit by the Scriptures (v.16) do not substitute
 - i. Doctrine – teaching – what’s right
 - ii. Reproof – scolding – what’s wrong
 - iii. Correction – change – how to get right
 - iv. Instruction in Righteousness – how to stay right
- c. “Continue in” the Scriptures (v.14) do not stop
- d. Profit unto Good Works (v.14) Ep.2:10

Pr.1:19 – So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

Mt.7:24–27 – Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Pr.4:23 – Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Ja.1:22–25 – But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth [therein], he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Jo.15:18 – If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

Ep.5:18 – but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord

Cl.3:16 – Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

CONCLUSION: Keep reading and studying the Scriptures to perfectly, thoroughly furnish your life.