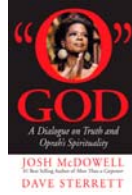


2 Timothy 3:6-12 “Transparent and True”  
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*“They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over weak-willed women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth. Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these men oppose the truth—men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected. But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, their folly will be clear to everyone. You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance,”*  
(2 Timothy 3:6-10 NIV)

- **Follow my conduct (my everyday lifestyle) – be open and transparent**
- **Be accountable to God and man**

*“Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.”* (1 Corinthians 11:1 NIV)

**Philippians 3:17** Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you.

- **Follow my teaching**

*“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.”* (2 Timothy 2:2 NIV)

*“Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.”* (2 Timothy 4:2 NIV)

- **Follow my purpose**

*“So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.”*  
(2 Corinthians 5:9 NIV)

- **Purpose # 1 – Please God every day by our lifestyle and motives**

*“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due to him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.”* (2 Corinthians 5:10 NIV)

*“When they arrived, he said to them: “You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. I served the Lord with great humility and with tears, although I was severely tested by the plots of the Jews.”* (Acts 20:18-19 NIV)

- **Serving God 24/7 really pleases God**

*“For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”* (Romans 8:29 NIV)

- **Purpose # 2 – Think, be, and minister like Jesus**

*“Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.”* (Romans 8:5 NIV)

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”* (Galatians 5:22-23 NIV)

*“I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.”* (John 14:12 NIV)

*“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (Ephesians 2:10 NIV)*

*“For this reason I am sending to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church.” (1Corinthians 4:17 NIV)*

- **Paul’s purpose, his teaching, and his living all matched**

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- **Follow my endurance**

*“persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them.” (2Timothy 3:11 NIV)*

*“On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and talked abusively against what Paul was saying. Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: “We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles.” (Acts 13:44-46 NIV)*

*“The word of the Lord spread through the whole region. But the Jews incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 13:49-52 NIV)*

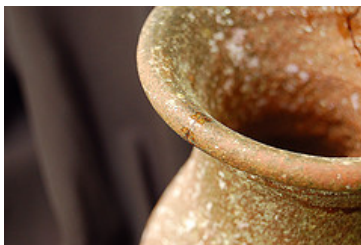
*“At Iconium Paul and Barnabas went as usual into the Jewish synagogue. There they spoke so effectively that a great number of Jews and Gentiles believed. But the Jews who refused to believe stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers.” (Acts 14:1-2 NIV)*

*“Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. But after the disciples had gathered round him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe. They preached the good news in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. “We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God,” they said.” (Acts 14:19-22 NIV)*

*“In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,” (2Timothy 3:12 NIV)*

- **Be hopeful in trials and persecutions**

**Romans 12:9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.  
(Sincere = sine cera – without wax)**



*All Bible references are from the New International Version (NIV) unless otherwise noted.*