



Walking with the Wise: Paul, One Skilled at Living

II Timothy 3:1-5, 10-17

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IX. Stay Focused to the Finish (II Tim 3:1-5, 10-17; 4:1-8)

A. Don't get distracted by cultural behavior (II Tim 3:1-5)

1. Be warned, be aware, and say no to it (Ps 1:1)

B. Hold onto your relationship with God, His word, and His family of faith (II Tim 3:10-17)

1. Be devoted to God and His word, and He will protect, guide, and inspire, as we walk with the wise (v.10-11, 14-17; Ps 1:2)

C. Our reward from God is certain (I Tim 4:1-8)

1. Blessing now and forever (Ps 1:3)

a. A life that makes a difference

b. A life that enjoys eternal distinction (II Tim 4:8)

Thoughts for application:

1. What cultural issues or behavior are hindering you from being focused on your relationship with Christ?
-What changes in your behavior might assist in staying focused on things that matter most? (e.g. social media, entertainment, hobbies, etc)
2. Are you more concerned with what others think of you than what God thinks of you? Who has the greatest influence on your behavior?
-Make a plan as to how you might better reflect your devotion to God. (e.g. spending more time with Him in prayer/bible study, engaging in service with Capital Community ministry efforts)
3. If God desires to bless us in our relationship with Him, what blessings would you be interested in? How would you like to be known or remembered?
-Make a list of those things that you might want to be known or remembered for, and then pray and ask God to help you pursue them, if that is His true will for your life.