

Lessons Learned About God, Life, and Man

1. Bible doctrine will transform people's lives but you must do more than simply teach it; you must also show them how to apply it, i.e., show them how to live out the truths contained in God's Word, first by example, then by showing them how to apply it themselves (2:1-10).
2. Our lives will either beautify or disfigure God and His Word (2:4-5, 7-8, 9-10).
3. Bible doctrine = Instructions that are supposed to be followed not just studied (2:1-10).
4. The end game of Bible doctrine is to transform every area of your life, i.e., how you drink alcohol, how you respond to stress, how you react to others, how you talk about others, how you treat your kids, how you treat your spouse, how you respond to those in authority, how you behave when you're young, how you behave when you're older, how you behave in retirement, how you satisfy and restrain yourself, how you treat your enemies, how you work for your boss, how talk to and respond to your boss, etc., etc. (2:2-10).
5. When a woman has a husband and children, that is to be her main focus (2:4-5).
6. Living a godly life doesn't have an expiration date, i.e., just because you reach a certain age doesn't mean you get a pass on behaving in a godly manner (2:2-3).
7. The older generation is supposed to show the younger generation how to live a godly life (2:2-6).
8. Youth is no excuse to live a foolish and ungodly life (2:4-6).
9. Christians should be in control of themselves in every sense and in every arena (2:1-10).
10. The best way to shut an opponent's mouth is to live a godly life that is exemplary (2:7-8).
11. You should care about the boss and company you work for (2:9-10).
12. God the Father and God the Son are both Savior of the world (2:10, 13).
13. God's grace brought salvation to mankind but not just from hell; His grace came to save us from every wicked and destructive way of living (2:11-12).
14. The realization and anticipation that our great God and Savior Jesus Christ is coming back for us should drive us and encourage us to live godly lives (2:13).
15. Jesus Christ is also God (2:13).
16. Jesus Christ didn't just die to save us from hell; He didn't die for us to wait around until we go to heaven. He died to save us right now from everything that is bad in this world, to transform us into people who always desire what is right and good (2:14).
17. Elders must teach Scripture as accurately as they can and then show their flock how to apply that doctrine to their lives, including rebuking those who go astray (2:1-15).