

A Godly Legacy for the Next Generation

2 Timothy 3:14–15

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MAIN IDEA: The Bible makes clear that Christians are to be concerned with passing down a body of doctrine—the truth of Jesus Christ and the gospel—to the next generation. As Paul writes to Timothy, he establishes the fact that every believer must be involved in communicating the truth to the next generation.

SERMON OUTLINE:

- I. Remember the Goal for the Next Generation (14a)
 - A. That they Learn the Truth
 - B. That they be Convinced of the Truth
 - C. That they Continue in the Truth
- II. Recognize your Influence on the Next Generation (14b-15)
 - A. Through your Godly Example (14b)
 - B. Through your Biblical Instruction (15)

BIBLICAL/THEOLOGICAL QUESTIONS:

1. Read 2 Timothy 2:1–2. What are the “things” that Timothy heard from Paul? Why does Paul stress that these “things” must be entrusted to others? Although this text primarily refers to the duty of church leaders, how does it apply to all Christians? Discuss.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. Read Deuteronomy 6:1–9. What are the benefits of knowing and keeping God’s commands? What does God instruct parents to do with His commandments? How do these verses apply to the Christian life today? Discuss.

2. Why is it crucial that our Christian *doctrine* and Christian *living* be aligned? What are the dangers of simply knowing the truth yet not living the truth? Discuss.

3. What are practical ways to influence the next generation with biblical truth? What are roadblocks that can potentially hinder us from doing this? Discuss.