



“Choose Wise Models” | Aspiration

GETTING STARTED: What are three things that you or your family look forward to in the Fall Season?

EXPLORE THE TOPIC

1. Who have you looked to as a role model in your life (childhood, teen years, adult)? Which of those panned out as good models?
2. Who is watching you as an example? To whom are you an influence? In what areas could you say, “Follow my example as I follow the example of Christ?” In what areas could you not say that?
3. Read 2 Timothy 3:1-5. How many different descriptors does Paul use to describe negative the negative influences surrounding the early church? What themes do you notice?
4. Paul warns Timothy that perilous times will come “in the last days.” Throughout the New Testament, we see that we are already living in the last days. What aspects of 2 Timothy 3:4-9 are evident in our culture today?
5. Read 2 Timothy 3:7. What does it mean to be “always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth?” Where is ultimate truth found? How can we help people to seek out and connect to that truth?
6. Truth seems to be something that is debated a lot in our culture. Consider the recent development of the term “fake news” as well as the ease with which

an individual can post their opinion on social media. How do we determine what is true? How should we determine who to believe and seek out as someone to be a model to us?

7. In 2 Timothy 3:10, Paul begs Timothy to remember his influence. In a world that has so many influencers, how do we determine who to follow?

APPLY THE TRUTH

Take time this week to respond to the following two questions:

- How am I being a model of Jesus for someone else to look up to?
- In my life right now, who is someone that I can seek out as a role model?

If you are having a hard time answering these questions, take time to pray and include the Holy Spirit as you reflect and wrestle with the topic of choosing wise role models.

PRAYER

Lord, thank You for the people You have divinely placed in my life who speak holy truth, love and words of wisdom. Give me a heart of discernment to know when You are using someone to speak instruction into my heart and my circumstances, and give me the strength and courage to follow through with that advice, even when it's hard. Amen

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