

“Maintain a Christ-like Character” | Holy Living

GETTING STARTED: Brooks mentioned his affinity towards the Star Wars film franchise. How many of the 7 main films have you seen? What order would you recommend watching them - chronologically or the order they were released?

EXPLORE THE TOPIC

1. What is meant by the phrase, “Choose your enemies wisely, for you may become them”? When have you seen someone become like their enemy?
2. 2 Timothy 2:14-16 offers three specific challenges for Timothy. Identify those challenges and the reason why Paul states their importance. How do these suggestions help the “workman” maintain his integrity as a disciplemaker?
3. How would you define “holy living” for someone that is not familiar with the term? What areas of life should that term encompass?
4. Timothy was up against false teachers (2 Timothy 2:2:17-19) that incorrectly claimed Christians are *spiritually* resurrected at baptism, but won't be *physically* resurrected. What emotions might Timothy have experienced as he saw their teachings unfold? What comfort does Paul provide?
5. What is the difference between “good and “good enough”? Why doesn't “good enough” cut it when it comes to Spiritual matters like passing along God's word to others? What are the dangers of “good enough”? How can someone sharpen their skills and in the area of Bible knowledge and application?

6. Read 2 Timothy 2:22. How do Paul's words here relate to the “remove and replace” strategy for handling temptation? Why isn't enough to simply “run from” or “remove” temptation in our lives?
7. How might temptation prevent someone from being an effective disciple-maker?
8. What does 2 Timothy 2:24-26 say about a disciple's ideal attitude? Why should a Christ-follower resist the urge to attack proud, hot-headed and critical people?

APPLY THE TRUTH

What is one area of temptation with which you routinely struggle? Identify a practical next step to help “run” from that temptation, while replacing it with sometime more virtuous. Struggle with laziness? As you move the other direction, commit to serving somewhere. Problem with anger? As you run from that emotion, pursue joyful psalms or songs.

PRAYER

Father, we desire to clothe ourselves in Christ Jesus, whose Spirit resides within our hearts. We pray that our behavior would honor You as we seek to behave decently and live according to the pattern of Holy Scripture. Make us like You, Father, as we follow after You in righteousness and holiness. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

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