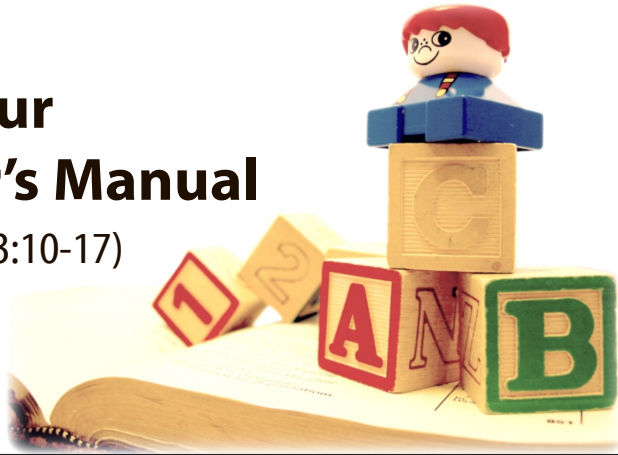


Use Your Owner's Manual

(2Timothy 3:10-17)



Introduction

- In this final sermon of this series, we are going back to the basic – “Use Your Owner’s Manual.”
- “Owner’s manual” = The Bible = God’s Word = God’s Book
- What do you own as a Christian?
 - 1) New life in Jesus Christ called “eternal life”
 - 2) New identity as a child of God, a disciple of Jesus Christ
- So, as disciples of Jesus Christ, how should we live by God’s Book (the Bible)?

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How to live by God’s Book in order to live with God in this world?

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2Timothy 3:10-17 is a good place to start. Here’s an overview.

3:10-13 What will happen when we live by God’s Word faithfully?
We’ll encounter resistance & hardship in life (v. 11-12).

“Live a godly life” (v. 12) =

- (1) a life that is morally upright, loving people, and faithful to God;
- (2) a life that lives with God in the world

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3:14b-17 Why? Why risk? Why keep doing it?
It's because of the nature & power of God's Word.

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“They are profitable for doctrine (what is right),
for reproof (what is not right),
for correction (how to get right),
and for instruction in righteousness (how to stay right).”

~ Warren Wiersbe on 2Timothy 3:16

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In 2Timothy 3:14-17, the Apostle Paul is teaching young pastor Timothy how to use the Scriptures (God’s Book) to minister to people. For this sermon, we’ll learn the same lesson but as the students of Paul & Timothy – hear from them how we should learn from the Scriptures.

How to live by God’s Book in order to live with God in this world?

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1. Believe in Christ by it (3:16)

- “*Those who taught you*” = Timothy’s mom, Eunice, and grandmother, Lois (2Tim 1:5), and later on, the Apostle Paul. Parents teaching their children the truths from God’s Word and of Jesus Christ’s salvation has profound and unparalleled positive influence on their children’s faith in Christ.
- “*From infancy*” – Usually, it’s a process over time in order to lead a person to believe in Christ. It’s seldom for a person to believe in Christ immediately after listening to the gospel for the first time. Also, it is easier and, therefore, very important to teach young children the gospel and lead them to believe in Christ when they are little, then keep discipling them to grow in Christ.
- “*Sacred Scriptures*” = to Timothy’s family, it would be the Old Testament. From OT to NT, it teaches God’s truth of salvation by grace through faith.
- “*Give you wisdom for salvation*” = Both gaining the knowledge of the truth of salvation in Christ and applying this truth by believing in Christ. Reading God’s Word gives us the truth. Then, God helps relate to/apply this truth and believe in Christ.

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- *"All Scripture"* = The whole Bible (OT & NT) is God's Word. *"Inspired by God"* literally means "breathed out by God."
- *"Teaching"* = Teaching and learning sound biblical truths/doctrines from the Bible. Note, don't just stop at learning the social-historical facts, narratives, Greek and Hebrew languages, ... found in the Bible. Make sure you also learn the messages that God is speaking to you through His written words and apply them to your life.
- e.g. Don't just read the Book of Revelation and be amazed by future prophecies. Also learn the message – Jesus Christ is going to win! How will this truth help you live your Christian life today? Live with God today?
- e.g. Learn the facts and mechanics of doing math. But, don't stop there, also learn how to use math in buying, selling, banking, etc.

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3. Be rebuked by it (3:16)

- = To be told/exposed by God's Word what we have done wrong or are doing wrong
- When that happens, receive the rebuke from God's Word humbly and readily. Don't be angry at God, also don't be despair, don't give up on your Christian walk either.
- e.g. When God's Word shows you what you have been doing wrong in your parenting, marriage relationship, or personal struggle with sins, ... etc. Please don't fight with God, also don't be discouraged or feel depressed about it either. Instead, humbly receive God's reproof and move on to the next step – to be corrected.

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4. Be corrected by it (3:16)

- = To be made correct again from our wrong doing
- God's Word will show you the correct truth to believe in and to live out.
- When being corrected by God's Word, be patient with God and with yourself. Changes are uncomfortable but necessary for growth. Changes can be so uncomfortable that they make us want to quit. But, hang in there with God! Be patient with God and with yourself.

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5. Be trained by it to stay on righteous path (3:16)

- "Training" = the Greek word for "training" here means "to provide instruction, with the intent of forming proper habits of behavior" [Louw & Nida]
- Therefore, it's not just about doing what is right in God's eyes, but developing a habit of doing that which is right in God's eyes. Consistently getting God's Word into our minds and hearts and obeying it will help us develop habit after habit of walking with God on the right path – thus living with God in this world.
- e.g. Developing the habit of Bible reading. Read the Bible and keep reading it day after day. Turn it into a habit like brushing your teeth and eating breakfast. You may feel like doing a chore at first. But, keep reading it for your spiritual healthy. Slowly, it'll become your second nature, a life habit, an enjoyment and blessing.

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6. Continue firmly in God's Word (3:14)

- Continue in what you have learned from God's Word and firmly believed in. The key here is "continue."
- Don't give up in living by God's Book in order to live with God in this world, even when you're confronted with resistance, rejection, false-judgment, unfair treatment isolation, loneliness, temptations, ... even physical danger. They are very hard to endure, much harder than just give in and go along with the crowd/majority.
- But, don't give up on what God has taught you in His Book – live by it to live with God!

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e.g. Years ago, the South Central Bell Telephone Company put an advertisement in its phone book promoting the use of the yellow pages. The ad said: "Born to be battered—the lovin' phone call book. Underline it, circle things, write in the margins, turn down page corners. The more you use it, the more valuable it gets to be."

The phone book becomes more valuable because it helped you connect with people.

The more you read and follow the Bible, God's Book, the more valuable it becomes because it helps you connect with God and teaches you how to live with Him in this world.

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Therefore, don't give up.
Continue to follow & firmly believe in what God has taught you in His Book.

Live by it to live with God!

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Sharing Together

Which one sermon in this series has been more applicable to you? How?

1. **Reaching for Spiritual Health** (Prov. 4:20-23) – Our spirits-souls need to be healthy
2. **Right Motivation** (Gen. 2:16-25) – To love & to be loved
3. **Required Follow-ship** (John 21:22) – Follow the leadership of Christ – “You, follow Me.”
4. **What Are You Doing with Your Life?** (Acts 13:36) – Serve God's purpose with your life
5. **What Do You Care for the Most?** (Phil 3:7-11) – Your biblical core values
6. **What Do You See in Your Future?** (1Cor 9:24-27) – Biblical vision of the future...C2C.
7. **Finding Balance** (Matt 22:37-39) – Bring our lives into balance in order to witness Christ
8. **Setting Boundaries** (Lev 11:44-45) – Be holy because God is holy...image God to the world
9. **Finding Support & Being One** (Gal 6:1-5) – Help carry one another's unbearable burdens
10. **Use Your Owner's Manual** (2Tim 3:10-17) – Live by God's Book to live with God

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