

Own Your Impact

2 Timothy 2:14-26



To live a life of impact, be an approved worker who correctly handles the word of truth. (v. 14-19)

To live a life of impact, be a noble vessel who is holy, useful and prepared for good works. (v. 20-21)

To live a life of impact, be a kind servant who pursues righteousness, faith, love, and peace. (v. 22-26)

Own Your Truth:

A life of purpose pursues godly truth AND godly character to positively impact the world for the gospel.

Discussion Questions

1. What stuck out to you from today's lecture?
2. Let's take a look at the homework. What were your key takeaways?
3. What did you learn when you did the "Discovering Your Purpose Tool" from last week?
4. Paul is adamant that Timothy handles the word of God carefully. What are some practices we could adopt to feel confident we are, "rightly handling the word of truth"?
5. Read the "Own Your Truth" statement out loud. Why is inconsistency between beliefs and behaviors so dangerous?
6. Paul encourages Timothy, and also us, to pursue four godly characteristics: Righteousness- visible, godly character, Faith- genuine relationship with God, Love- dedicated life of service to others, and Peace- promote redemptive nature of God. Which of these needs your focus on this week?

Discovering Your Purpose Tool: Guided Prayer Time

Set aside 15-30 minutes this week to work through these scriptures, questions, and prayers.

Who am I listening to?

- Ask yourself these questions: Who or what shapes my life choices, behaviors, and attitudes? Am I reading God's word as often as I listen to other voices? Is there a "truth" I believe that might not actually be from God's true word? Am I handling God's word with great caution?
- Read Psalm 119:97-105
- Pray by praising God for his perfect word. It is, "sweeter than honey," and, "a lamp to our feet."

Am I a honorable vessel?

- Ask yourself these questions: Do I consider my life my own? Do I want to be a useful vessel for God? Is there something that needs to be cleansed from my life so that I can be useful to the Master? (2 Timothy 2:21)
- Read Psalm 139:23-24 and Proverbs 16:2
- Pray and ask God to reveal any blind spots in your life--any offensive ways.

What qualities characterize my life?

- Ask yourself these questions: What qualities characterize my life? Am I quarrelsome? Do I find myself engaged in silly or foolish arguments? Am I quick to anger? Do I speak to others about the truth of Jesus with kindness and gentleness?
- Read James 1:19-22
- Pray and ask God to cultivate in you a life that is always growing in his truth and his character.