

# Say “Yes!” To Life

## Life’s Instruction Book

*I stood at the side of his bed. He didn’t have long to live and he knew it. Hours or days? He wasn’t sure. Soon. And he waxed eloquent about the life he’d lived, the people he’d loved, and the legacy he was leaving. Fast forward a couple years. Similar scene, but a different face in a different hospice bed. This time, though, the reflections were filled with regret. He’d traded hours for dollars, and dollars for inconsequential. His family was distant, even though they lived in the same city. He knew the plot summaries for every Star Trek episode, but couldn’t remember his grandson’s birthdate. His biggest regret was he’d nearly always taken the paths of least resistance and that had pushed him through a life that went nowhere. “Life didn’t come with an instruction book,” was one of the last things he said to me. But it does. This week, we’ll look at how life is different when we heed the teachings of Life’s Instruction Book.*

2 Timothy 3:12–17

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ is God’s \_\_\_\_\_  
for life.

2. The Bible addresses every \_\_\_\_\_ and all of  
\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Faithful \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the  
Bible’s instructions:

Turns knowledge into \_\_\_\_\_

Turns spiritual newbies into \_\_\_\_\_,  
disciples

Turns \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Additional Notes

# Digging Deeper and Going Further

Read 2 Timothy 3:1–17. Timothy was the pastor of First Church in Ephesus and Paul, the writer of this “letter,” was his mentor and coach. He had been raised in the faith by his mother and grandmother. The above passage deals specifically with the effective use of Scripture and was written in the face of a church that was embracing the practices of the culture rather than following the teachings of Jesus.

1. What are some of the troubles Timothy was facing in the church he was leading? (Verses 1–9)

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2. Read 2 Tim 3:12–13. Do you think Paul was being fatalistic or realistic? Why do you think so?

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3. Paul assured Timothy the Word would be helpful for his leadership. How did he expect Timothy to use the Scriptures?

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4. What benefits did Paul say we would receive by studying the Word?

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5. Read Psalm 119:97–105. How does the writer suggest the Word be applied to life?

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6. Read John 10:10 and Jeremiah 29:11. God clearly has a plan for our lives. What do you need to do to align your plans to achieve God’s plans for your life?

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