

Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study

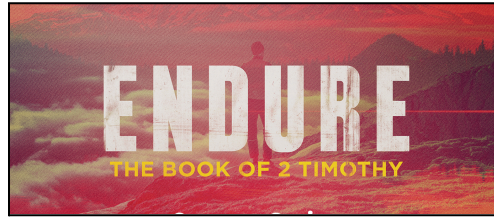
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“Wisdom”

#4 in the series *Endure: The Book of 2 Timothy*

Scripture Texts (NLT)

2 Timothy 3:1-17, Psalm 3:16-17



1. Think about a time when you received the gift of wisdom from someone.
 - What was the situation, and who was the giver of that wisdom?
 - What caused you to trust in their wisdom, and how did it help you?
2. **Read 2 Timothy 3:1-5.**

Paul warns Timothy about the behaviors of people “in the last days” that he should “stay away from.”

 - What can we learn from these verses about human behavior then and now?
 - What does Paul mean when he says these people “will reject the power that could make them godly”?
3. **Read 2 Timothy 3:6-9.**

Consider how Paul uses these verses to share this nugget of wisdom: *Character determines behavior.*

 - Why might the people Paul warns about be described as religious propagandists?
 - How do you respond to Paul’s warning about those who prey upon the vulnerable?
 - Why would the example of Jannes and Jambres have resonated with Timothy and other early Christians?
4. **Read 2 Timothy 3:10-13.**

Consider Paul’s second nugget of wisdom in these verses: *Learn from the examples of the faithful.*

 - As you think of someone who has been an example of faith in your life, how have they shared their wisdom in meaningful ways?
 - Is there a relationship between experiencing persecution and acquiring wisdom?
5. **Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17, James 3:16-17.**

Consider Paul’s third nugget of wisdom in these verses: *Live in light of the Word.*

 - How has the Word of God helped you deal with difficult times or experiences of persecution?
 - How do you see the relationship between understanding the Word of God, acquiring wisdom, and navigating your faith journey?
 - Why is Paul’s teaching about wisdom for Timothy especially relevant now?
6. How can we pray for you?