

# LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

## Good Advice

### 2Timothy 3:10 - 4:8

**Objective**: To know and value Godly advice from those who lead you or those all around you.

It is said that advice is cheap which is probably due to the fact that there are more people selling it than buying it. The book of Proverbs, however, encourages us to value advice when it teaches. Proverbs 19:20 "Listen to advice and accept instruction and in the end you will be wise."

**Group Discussion**: What is the best and worst advice you have been given and what happened when you followed that advice?

**Introduction**: Good advice is that Godly advice Paul gives his young follower in a world full of different advice instead of those who claim they are giving good advice but are not good people and false teachers who want to destroy the church.

**\*\*\* Note: There are no right or wrong answers to the questions and are intended to be discussed in a group setting that allows people to answer what they think.**

### **GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1 What information does Paul give about his character and suffering? **Paul uses his character and suffering as a reference point that his advice could be trusted.**
- 2 Why is it important to consider the character of those we seek advice from? **It will ensure us that the advice we're getting could help us in our situation.**
- 3 According to the criteria given in chapter 3:10-11, who do you know that you might go to for advice? **My Pastor or a leader in the church.**

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- 4 How was Timothy to evaluate the advice he received from others including Paul. Look at chapter 3:14-15. **Being that Timothy's family taught him the Holy Scriptures and seeing his grandmother and mother along with Paul living out the scriptures.**
  
- 5 Why was Paul such a good mentor for Timothy? **Paul exhibited such Godliness, commitment, faithfulness, loyalty and being that Paul was a man he could relate to him. We do not see any reference of Timothy's father so he could have looked at Paul as a mentor and a father figure.**
  
- 6 Focus on Chapter 3:15-17. What is the purpose of this Scripture? **The purpose is to simply guide us and correct us and to prepare us for the work of God's people in every good work in our lives.**
  
- 7 How can Scripture be used in helping us to make decisions? **It will help us knowing that God being the maker of life and all that 's in it and by us trusting God's word to guide us, bless us and most of all honor the Lord and glorify Him.**
  
- 8 How might Scripture be misused in decision making and how can you avoid this? **It could be misused for selfish ambition and to accommodate sinful behavior. This can be avoided by taking seriously what God says when we misuse Scripture and avoid such people.**

**Summary:** Here we see that Paul is giving his young follower faithful and servant his best advice. Godly advice to be strong in the faith, follow the pattern to which he learned from Paul and hold precious the Gospel that was entrusted to him to hold valuable this advice given to him! We must be careful in where we are getting our advice. Here we see a great example in where to look for advice and to where we're getting advice.