



## Lessons for Bradford Glen

### 2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NIV)

*But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. <sup>2</sup> People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, <sup>4</sup> treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— <sup>5</sup> having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.*

### 2 Timothy 3:10-17 (NIV)

*You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, <sup>11</sup> persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. <sup>12</sup> In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, <sup>13</sup> while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. <sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup> and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

#### 1. This is a dangerous world. (2 Timothy 3:1)

- This world is getting worse so you must focus on multiplication.

#### 2. You have to die to live. (2 Timothy 3:1-2a; Luke 9:23)

- When the center of gravity in an individual shifts from God to self, absolute chaos in every area of life follows. (Timothy 3:2-4)

#### 3. Let scripture be your guide in all things. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 119:105)

- Maximum freedom comes when you surrender to authority.

#### 1 Timothy 6:20 (ESV)

*O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge,”*

- One of the most noble things you can do with your life is pass on the truth of the scriptures to the next generation.
- With scripture it is your responsibility to know it, obey it, guard it and share it.

#### 4. Choose wise friends. (2 Timothy 3:5; Proverbs 13:20)

- Friends determine the quality and direction of your life.

Wise Person: Has a primary devotion to God.  
Foolish Person: Has a primary devotion to self.

#### 1. Circle of Concern: Those friends you hope to influence.

- ◆ Who is one the lost person in your life that you are intentionally developing a relationship with right now?

#### 2. Circle of Influence: Those friends who have influence in your life.

- ◆ Do you have any counterfeit friends inside your circle of influence?

#### 3. Circle of Intimacy: That person you have committed to share your life with.

- ◆ You don't share your soul with someone unless you have committed your life to them as well.

#### 5. Expect some difficulties along the way. (2 Timothy 3:12)

- It is always too soon to quit! (Romans 5:3-5)

#### 6. You will never be in a place that God's grace can't reach you!