



“Raking is easy, but all you get is leaves; digging is hard, but you might find diamonds.”

- John Piper

Recap:

(1:1-5) Paul writes t(w)o Timothy: *Giving what's been given*

- Do you have intentional spiritually edifying relationships?

(1:6-14) *Do not be ashamed of the gospel*

- Are you actively involved in making Jesus known?

(1:15-18) *Don't desert*

- Do you take the truth seriously?

(2:1-13) *Basic information for gospel workers*

- Do you have an 'end of the book' theology?

(2:14-26) *An approved workman*

- Have assurance that the Lord knows those who are His; from this foundation turn away from wickedness.

(3:1-9) *Godlessness and opposition in the last days*

- Avoiding those who have a form of godliness but deny its power.

(3:10-16) *Continue in what you have learned*

- Keep the gospel central in your thinking.

'Keep your head' by being saved by God's Word

Change

Verse 5, '*But you, keep your head in all situations.*'

Pause the recording. What does the 'smoke' of your emotions reveal about your heart?

Romans 12:2, '*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.*'

Wrong beliefs / presuppositions in the garden (Genesis 3):

- If God is there, he does not communicate truth.
- We do not need God to understand reality.
- Human reason is autonomous; we get to decide what is right and wrong.

Three main ways we should receive God's Word:

1. Personal study (2 Timothy 3:14-17)
2. Listening to preaching (2 Timothy 4:2)
3. One-to-one (2 Timothy a letter from one Christian to another)

Questions

1. What is my attitude when I approach God's word?
2. Which areas in my life do I keep off limits to God?
3. Who do I speak to about the Bible?