



Life Guide/Closer Look

applying God's Word to life

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(2 Timothy 3:10-15) You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, {11} 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. {12} In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, {13} while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. {14} But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, {15} and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

1. Can you give an example of how Christians are being persecuted today?

2. In what way have you experienced persecution in your personal life?

3. What forms of persecution did Paul experience? (cf. Acts 13:49-14:20; 2 Corinthians 11:16-29)

4. If a government official told you, “Renounce Christ or die,” what would you do? (Make a list of thoughts that would go through your head.)

5. Why do you think that the Bible openly announces that Christians will be persecuted?

6. What “knowledge” has God given you to give you courage in the face of persecution?

7. Paul was a model for Timothy’s faith life. Who has been a model for your faith life?

8. For more information about Christian persecution around the world, go to www.opendoorsusa.org

9. For more information about the WELS work with the Hmong in Vietnam, go to www.wels.net/vietnamhmongoutreach