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FOLLO**

+ *STAY FOCUSED*

The background is a dense, colorful collage of torn newspaper clippings and paper scraps. Visible words and phrases include 'life', 'Dutch', 'start-ups', 'dollars', 'Prime', 'clubs', 'Tuesdays', 'market', 'che', 'never', 'October 2014', 'you've', 'falls to', 'vision', 'help you', 'seasonal', 'straight', 'you', 'market', 'che', 'never', 'October 2014', 'you've', 'falls to', 'vision', 'help you', 'seasonal', 'straight', 'you'. The text 'HAVE YOU EVER IMITATED ANYONE?' is centered over a white, torn-paper-like shape. 'HAVE YOU EVER' and 'ANYONE?' are in a dark grey, bold, sans-serif font, while 'IMITATED' is in a blue, bold, sans-serif font.

HAVE YOU EVER **IMITATED** ANYONE?



PAUL IS GIVING TIMOTHY
(AND US) THIS CHARGE:
"IMITATE ME"





² People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good,

2 TIMOTHY 3:2-3





⁴ treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

2 TIMOTHY 3:4-5





⁶They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over gullible women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, ⁷ always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth.

2 TIMOTHY 3:6-7



2 TIMOTHY 3:8-9

WHO ARE THESE 2 GUYS?

Magician of Pharaoh
(the King of Egypt) -

shown to be
counterfeits



WARNING:
BEWARE OF WHAT (OR WHO)
INFLUENCES YOU

WARNING:
BEWARE OF NEVER
COMMITTING TO JESUS

WARNING:

**BEWARE THAT DISOBEDIENCE
MAKES YOU VULNERABLE
TO DECEPTION**



¹⁰ **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.

2 TIMOTHY 3:10-11



TEACHING

grow deeper in gospel truths

WAY OF LIFE

the Word of God instructing
our steps

PURPOSE

fulfill the will and ministry
God has for you

FAITH

trust and confidence in the Lord

PATIENCE

long-suffering with people and circumstances

LOVE

continue to love, even those who disappoint and disagree with you

ENDURANCE

persevere in trying circumstances

PERSECUTION

in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra

Paul is connecting the persecution that he endured to places that are familiar to Timothy





¹⁹ Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead. ²⁰ But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city.

ACTS 14:19-20



THE PATTERN OF GOSPEL MINISTRY

- Gospel proclamation
- Hunger and Hostility
- Opposition
- Endurance for the Gospel





¹² In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³ while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived

2 TIMOTHY 3:12-13





¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned
and have been convinced of.

2 TIMOTHY 3:14



Let us imitate Paul by having the
same **PURPOSE**, **PATIENCE**, and **ENDURANCE**
SO THAT OTHERS CAN FIND AND FOLLOW JESUS