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2 Timothy 3:10 – *“Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance...”*

- “Followed” = παρακολουθέω / parakolouthēō: Literally following in someone’s footsteps
- 7 Characteristics of a Faithful Christian worth following
 - Teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance
- Who are you influencing to follow Jesus?

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2 Timothy 3:11 – *“persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra; what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me!”*

- At Antioch, Paul was chased out of the city for preaching the gospel (Acts 13:50)
- At Iconium, Paul was almost executed by stoning (Acts 14:5)
- At Lystra, Paul was left for dead (Acts 14:19)

As You Faithfully Live for Christ, You Should Expect Followers and Foes 2 Timothy 3:12-15

2 Timothy 3:12 – *“indeed, all who want to live in a godly way in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.”*

- Why do Christians have foes?
 - 2 Timothy 3:13
“But evil people and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.”
 - 3 Kinds of persecution according to 18th century theologian, George Whitfield:
 - Hated in heart, words, actions
- What should be our response?
 - 2 Timothy 3:14-15
“You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of...”
 - Romans 12:14
“Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.”

“The early Church was married to poverty, prisons and persecutions.
Today, the church is married to prosperity, personality, and popularity.”

— Leonard Ravenhill

Response: RESOLVE to live a faithful Christian life that draws others towards Him! As you do this, EXPECT persecution to come.