

ARGUMENT
2 Timothy 3:1–4:5

2 Timothy has been described as “charge literature”, consisting of a series of formal commands, recommendations, and a few reasons, connected by the Greek conjunction *de*, which signals progress. As such, Paul appeals more to authority than to persuasive logic.

3:1 Instruction
De Understand!

3:2 Reason
For People will be ...

3:5b Instruction
De Avoid such people!

3:6 Reason
For They creep into homes

3:10 Commendation
De You have followed my teaching

4:2 Formal charge
Preach the Word!

4:3 Reason
For People will turn away from the truth

4:5 Instruction
De Do the work!

4:6 Example
For I am ready!