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Follow Me

They (false teachers) are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over weak-willed women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth.

2 Timothy 3:6—7

I have a love/hate relationship with Paul. Sometimes his writing makes complete sense, other times, his sentences run on and on and on and a few of his comments about women irritate me. Recently, I was reading through 2 Timothy and came to full halt when I reached this passage.

After ranting at God about the whole “weak-willed women” part, I took a step back to see what was bothering me. First off, Paul is not calling all women weak-willed or gullible (NIV) or unstable or needy (The Message). He is referring to women who are “depressed by their sinfulness” (The Message) and who tend to chase after each new teaching instead of anchoring themselves to the unchanging message of Christ.

I don't think that this temperament is exclusive of women, but as women, we are the gatekeepers to our home. We can sway our husbands' minds and direct our children's belief systems. We are foundational in the faith building in our family. We stand beside our husbands, encouraging them as they lead our families towards God.

So how do we guard our families against false teachers? First off, we “test” any new teaching. Check it against scripture—look at the thesis and compare it with what God says in the Bible. Pull out a concordance or go to www.Biblegateway.com and cross reference Bible verses. Look at the context of the verse in scripture, then at the context in the teaching—are they same or has the verse been manipulated to support a false teaching?

Secondly, talk to other Christian friends or Chuck and Mario. Lean on the wisdom and experience of others. If you've landed on good, solid teaching, talking about it will serve as education and encouragement for others. If not, then you still gain a Biblical perspective of the topic in question.

Most importantly, though, take it to God in prayer. He wants us to know Him and is always revealing Himself to us. Ask Him to either verify or negate what we're learning. With listening ears and a seeking heart, He will lead us to His truth.

With joy,

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Monthly Mentions

Nursery Help is still needed. We have some holes this month. If you are willing to pull an extra duty, please call Jill Rich at 288-1911 to volunteer.

Don't forget—the volunteer schedules are now on the website, stmatthewsrichmond.org. The password is rockycat.

VBS 2011—Jesus Truth Seekers: Mission Possible was a HUGE SUCCESS!!! Thanks to everyone who lent a hand. The children learned to FORGIVE each other, HEAR God's word, HELP others, SEEK God and others who do not know Jesus, and to CHOOSE God! A special thanks to our station leaders and director, Ann Brown, Sheila Hyde, Lynn Watts, & January Britt, and also Susan Wilson for leading music each morning.

Summer Sunday School needs teachers! Please consider volunteering for one Sunday during the summer to teach either the PreK—K or 1st—5th grade classes. Call Jill Rich 288-1911 to assist.

Nursery Schedule

Thank you to all from the congregation, as well as all the parents who have selflessly offered their time to care for our younger parishioners.

Date	Infants	Toddlers	Preschoolers
July 3*	Kathryn Bailey	Laura Allin	Wynn Burr
	Pam Roach	Todd Rich	Blake Burr
10	January Britt	Ann Brown	Elizabeth Spadea
	Jeff Britt	Boyd Brown	John Spadea
17	Carol Grainger	Natalie Axtell	Heather Creswick
	Lee West	Kathryn Martin	Tom Veech
24	Heidi Wilkins	Alison Barnes	Kate Garitz
	Chris Wilkins	Matt Barnes	Shawn Garitz
31	???	???	???
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If you would like to be included on the schedule, call Jill at 288-1911.