

A person with long dark hair, wearing a light-colored t-shirt and a wide-brimmed hat, is sitting on a wooden dock. They are facing away from the camera, looking out over a calm body of water. The sky is a mix of deep blue and orange, suggesting sunset or sunrise. The water reflects the colors of the sky. The dock is made of weathered wooden planks.

## STUDY 3

# EYES OPEN

2 TIMOTHY 2:14-3:9

Whether you're buying fresh fruit or a second-hand car, or hiring a tradesperson to do a big job at home, you have to be careful. You need a good idea of what these products or services are really like. It's a key skill in life - knowing which product or company to use, and which one to avoid. It's true when you buy rockmelon, an SUV, or a new bathroom. And it's especially true in the Christian life.

In a world that's always coming up with new angles and offers, you have to keep your eyes open. You have to know the difference between what's good and what's not, otherwise you might buy into something that's costly and even dangerous. In our reading Paul stresses to Timothy that he should keep his eyes wide open as the message of Jesus is proclaimed and lived out.





