

Study Questions

For New Testament Books of the Bible

2 Timothy

Chapter 1

1. Who was the author of 2 Timothy? When was this letter written? Where was the author writing from and to whom was this letter written? Why did the author write this letter?
2. What is the special significance of this letter?
3. Paul was in a prison in Rome when he wrote 2nd Timothy. What was Paul arrested for this time? Who imprisoned Paul and why?
4. **REFLECTION:** What do you think Paul was referring to when he reminded Timothy, of the spiritual gift Timothy received when **PAUL LAID HANDS ON TIMOTHY** (v.6)? With the laying of hands was Paul referring to a baptism? A blessing?
5. **SCRIPTURE SEARCH:** In verse 8 Paul tells Timothy to never be ashamed to tell others about Christ. Where in Scripture does Christ tell all of us not to be ashamed of Himself, Our Lord and Savior?
6. Where in this chapter does Paul recite the gospel?
7. Why does Paul say he is not ashamed to be suffering in prison?
8. **PERSONAL REFLECTION:** Paul told Timothy to, “Hold on to the pattern of right teaching..... (v.13). What does this mean for all Christ followers?
9. Whom does Paul say will help us carefully guard what has been entrusted to us?
10. In verse 16, Paul mentions Onesiphorus. Who was Onesiphorus?

2 Timothy Chapter 2

1. **BIBLE COMPARISON:** In one NLT version of the Bible, in verse 1 of 2 Timothy 2 Paul tells Timothy to be strong in the special favor of God. What term does most other versions of the Bible (e.g., KJV, NIV, CEV, etc.) use instead of the term special favor?
2. **BIBLE/Dictionary SEARCH:** We often hear or read the term, “The Grace of God,” or “God’s Grace.” What does the word Grace mean in this context?
3. **REFLECTION:** Why do you think Paul used the examples of a soldier, an athlete and a farmer to explain to Timothy how he (Timothy) should conduct himself (v.3-7)?
4. What was the purpose of Paul’s statement in verse 8, i.e., “Never forget that Jesus Christ was a man born into King David’s family and that He was raised from the dead?”
5. What does Paul mean when he says the word of God cannot be chained (v.9)?
6. Referring to Christ Jesus in verse 13, what does Paul mean when he says, “.....for He cannot deny Himself?”
7. **PERSONAL REFLECTION:** Paul told Timothy to remind his (Timothy’s) followers to stop fighting over words (v.14). Do you sometimes find yourself arguing with others over what a particular passage in the Bible means? How can we explain to others what the Holy Spirit reveals to us without being adversarial?
8. Why does Paul tell Timothy (and us) to work hard (v.15)?
9. Paul mentions Hymenaeus in verse 17. Who was he?
10. In verse 17, Paul mentions Philetus as also being guilty of the same false teaching as Hymenaeus, which was an Gnostic heresy held by the Nicolaitans. Who were the Nicolaitans?
11. Besides Philetus, in 1 Timothy Paul says he turned Hymenaeus and one other over to Satan (Paul excommunicated the two). Who was the other person Paul was referring to?

2 Timothy Chapter 3

1. In verses 1-5, Paul describes how, many people will behave, during the “last days.” Explain your understanding of when the “last days” will begin and when they will end.
2. Paul makes very specific statements concerning the “last days” in verses 1-5. On what, do you think, Paul is basing his assertions?
3. Why does Paul communicate verses 1-5 to Timothy and to us?
4. **BIBLE DICTIONARY/COMMENTARY SEARCH:** In verse 9, Paul mentions Jannes and Jambres. Who were they?
5. Why was it important for Paul to say (in verses 8 and 9) that even though false teachers fight the truth with depraved minds and counterfeit faith, “.....they won’t get away with it for long?”
6. **REFLECTION:** Why does Paul mention his own suffering to Timothy in verses 10 and 11?
7. **PERSONAL REFLECTION:** Paul lets us know that evil people and imposters may continue to flourish but we should correct them and try to bring them back to faith. Are you prepared to confront evil-doers at this point in your Christian walk? How are you prepared? What will you do when confronted with evil?
8. In verse 15, Paul mentions Timothy’s childhood. Why?
9. In the NIV (New International Version) of the Bible, 2 Timothy 3:16 says, “All scripture is God-breathed.....” What does this mean?
10. What do you understand verse 17 to mean?

2 Timothy Chapter 4

1. Why do you think Paul solemnly urged Timothy to be persistent, whether the time is favorable or not to preach the word of God (v.12)?
2. What lessons does Paul impart to all Christ-followers in verse 5?
3. What did Paul mean when he told Timothy, “.....my life has already been poured out as an offering to God?” (v.6)
4. **PERSONAL REFLECTION:** If you were to die today, can you make the same claim that Paul did in verse 7? Explain.
5. Why was Paul so calm about his impending death?
6. **SCRIPTURE SEARCH:** Paul speaks of the prize that awaits him in heaven. See if you can determine what prize(s) besides the crown of righteousness (v.8) awaits the faithful.
7. **PERSONAL REFLECTION:** Paul mentions Demas who deserted Paul because Demas loved worldly values and worldly pleasures. Do you love the world as it could be or as it exists? Explain your answer.
8. Paul asked Timothy to visit him and to bring Paul’s former assistant Mark as well. In what way did Mark significantly add to the spread of the “Good News?”
9. At the close of this letter Paul sent greetings to those he felt closest to. Who were they?
10. **Recap:** Why did Paul write this letter to Timothy?