

BIBLE CLASS
STUDY GUIDE

FINISH

Timothy

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THEME

Be loyal to Paul and the gospel and he will be rewarded with eternal life.

INTRODUCTION

In 2 Timothy like all of Paul's epistles, Paul makes it clear that he sees apostleship as an honor, responsibility, and a privilege. Throughout the letter Paul's love and deep affection for Timothy is clearly seen. He refers to Timothy as "my beloved child." Timothy was Paul's spiritual child—a candidate for eternal life.

Paul's intention/purpose in the book is to inspire and strengthen Timothy for his assignment in Ephesus. Paul knew the difficulties Timothy would face in Ephesus as he did battle with heretics and their teachings which would do harm for the church.

Paul wanted Timothy to know that he had confidence in him, that he had a great family heritage and tradition to maintain, a fine parentage, the honor of his ordination, the need to nurture leadership qualities such as courage, power, love, and self-discipline.

For Paul the gospel was worth suffering for and in doing so, he must safeguard the trust committed to him by God through health-giving words, faith, and love. Timothy must see men as God sees them. He must always seek their highest good. He

must meet bitterness with forgiveness, hatred with love, and indifference with unquenchable passion.

Paul makes use of certain metaphors as soldier, athlete, criminal, martyr. Soldiers provide concentrated service, obedience, sacrifice, and loyalty. The athlete on the other hand is willing to deny self, discipline self, and observe the rules.

In Chapter 2, Paul appeals for doctrinal loyalty on the basis of the gospel as preached, lived, and suffered for by Paul.

The High Points in 2 Timothy

1.	The intimate personal bond between Paul and Timothy.	1:2; 2:1
2.	Paul's knowledge about Timothy's family.	1:5
3.	Paul's participation in Timothy's ordination.	1:6
4.	The strengthening of their personal bond of loyalty especially while he is in prison.	1:8
5.	Evidence of close personal bond as seen in Philippians.	2:19-24

Paul's Roadmap to Timothy as to How He Should Deal with False Teaching

1.	Avoid senseless controversy and false teachers who engage in it (2:14, 16, 23; 3:5). Be kind, forbearing, and gentle.	2:24-25
2.	Be a good interpreter of the Christian faith.	2:15
3.	Live righteously and associate with those who live in like manner.	2:22
4.	Realize that God's church is unshakable, and that God knows and cares for those who belong to Him.	2:19
5.	Be mindful that the church is a mixed community with good and bad members and that individual and group discipline is constantly needed.	2:20-21
6.	Keep in mind what hour it is on God's timeline—time of great evil and suffering before the end, when God's people must defend the truths and persevere in righteousness according to the teaching of the Holy Scriptures. On the day of judgment God will richly reward them.	3:1-4:8
7.	Paul's Honor Roll	4:9-21
8.	Paul's Benediction	4:22

➤ OUTLINE

GREETINGS (1:1-2)

- I. Apostleship is a position of honor. It is by the will of God.
 - a. The apostle is one chosen by God.
 - b. Christians are chosen by God.

- II. Apostleship is a responsibility.
 - a. God wants to do something with him.
 - b. Christians are not chosen for selfish ends.
 - c. Christians are chosen to serve others.

- III. Apostleship is a privilege.
 - a. It is a privilege to present God to sinners not as a threat of damnation but as a promise of salvation.
 - b. To Timothy “my dear son” a term of endearment. It reveals Paul’s love and affection for Timothy.

GRACE	Undeserved favor
MERCY	To be treated better than one deserves
PEACE	To possess spiritual wholeness

➤ **BODY (1:3-4:21)**

- I. Timothy's Faith and Heritage (1:3-7)
 - a. Paul reminds Timothy of his confidence in him.
 - b. His family tradition – a fine heritage.
 - c. His ordination and the gift conferred on him.
 - d. Qualities of a Christian leader – courage, power, love, self-discipline.

- II. Warning Not to be Ashamed of the Gospel Nor the Suffering Associated With It (1:8-12)
 - a. The Gospel is the gospel of power, salvation, and consecration, grace, God's eternal purpose, life and immortality, service, Jesus Christ.

- III. Be Loyal to the Faith (1:13-18)
 - a. Maintain the purity of Christian belief by avoiding false and misleading ideas (Phil. 2:11).
 - b. Maintain faith – fidelity and hope.
 - c. Love people like Christ loves them.
 - d. Onesiphorus an example of loyalty.

- IV. Be Strong in Grace (2:1-13)
 - a. The reception and transmitting of the Christian faith.
 1. The word is received when it is heard being transmitted by faithful men (2:1-2).

- V. Good soldier of Jesus Christ (2:3; 4).

- VI. Provides consecrated service, obedience, sacrifice, and loyalty.
 - a. The athlete of Christ (2:5).
 - 1. Is under discipline and self-denial. The athlete observes the rules.

- VII. The farmer (2:6-7).
 - a. Works hard and waits patiently. The reward will come.

- VIII. Remembering is important (2:8-10).
 - a. Christ was risen from the dead.
 - b. Christ was born of the seed of David.
 - c. The gospel is good news.
 - d. The gospel worker can be imprisoned but the gospel cannot be.

- IX. Those who suffer for the gospel will be rewarded (2:11-13).

- X. Two Types of Workers (2:14-26)
 - a. The danger of words (2:14).
 - b. The way of truth and error (2:15-18).
 - c. The solid foundation of God (2:19).
 - d. Vessels of honor and dishonor (2:20-21).
 - e. Flee youthful lust (2:22-26).

- XI. Difficult Times
 - a. A sign of the end time (3:1).
 - b. Signs of godliness (3:2-5).
 - 1. Self-love, lovers of money, braggers, disobedient to parents, thankless, lack of human affection, slanderers, ungovernable in their desires, treacherous, conceited, lovers of pleasure, haters of God.

- c. Religious seducers (3:6-7).
- d. Opposers of the truth (3:8-9).

XII. The Man of God and the Word of God (3:10-17)

- a. The duties and qualities of an Apostle (3:10-13).
- b. A disciple is one who follows as a learner: physically, mentally, spiritually.
- c. The apostle is a trainer who possesses faith, patience, endurance, love.

XIII. The Value of Scripture (3:14-17)

- a. Wisdom which leads to salvation.
- b. Teaching as a source of spiritual education.
- c. Reproof – bringing convictions to the heart.
- d. Correction – all theories must be tested by it.
- e. Equips in righteous living.

XIV. The Christian's Duty (4:1-5)

- a. Present Jesus as Judge of all, the returning Conqueror and King.
- b. The Christian teacher is to be urgent, persistent, convict or convince others, rebuke and exhort with patience. Never grows irritated, never despairs, never regards anyone as beyond salvation.
- c. Be steady in all things. Accept the suffering that comes.
- d. Do the work of an evangelist. Leave no act of service undone.

XV. Paul's Valedictory Statement (4:6-8)

- a. The ultimate sacrifice – "*poured out*".
- b. The time of death. Unyoking, loosening.
- c. He has fought a good fight.
- d. He has finished the race.
- e. He has kept the faith.

f. He is assured of the reward – crown.

XVI. The Abandoned Apostle (4:9-16)

- a. Demas' weariness, could not pay the price, loved this present world.
- b. Luke is with me (mentioned in Col. 4:14, Philemon 24), physician and fellow laborer.
- c. Mark who redeemed himself (4:11).

XVII. The Faithfulness of God (4:17-18)

XVIII. The Plea— "Come Before Winter" (4:19-21)

 **BENEDICTION**

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