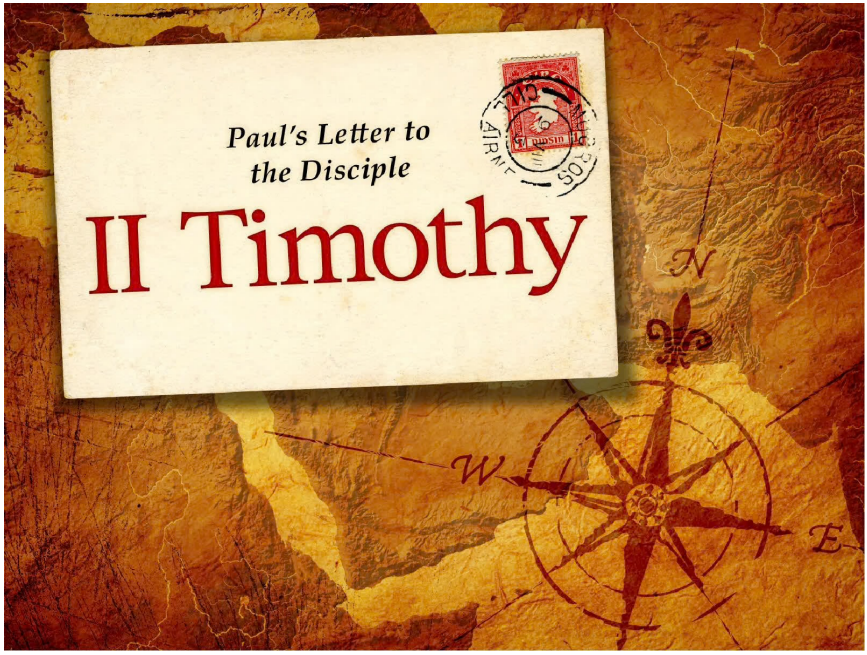
A Guided Inductive Study of 2nd Timothy



"Study to show yourself approved unto God,
a workman that needs not be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word of truth."
2 Timothy 2:15

A practical study of Paul's Second Letter to Timothy

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Welcome to Paul's Second Letter to Timothy

Outline of 1st Timothy

1 Timothy 1 – Doctrine

1 Timothy 2 – Prayer

1 Timothy 3 – Godly Leadership

1 Timothy 4 – Personal Disciplines

1 Timothy 5 – Respect

1 Timothy 6 – Godliness

Key Verses to Memorize

1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

2:3 You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

3:12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

2nd Timothy 1 – Your Faith

Key verses to think about.

1:5 Your Godly Mother and Grandmother
When I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.

1:7 No Spirit of Fear
For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

1:9 Your Holy Calling
Who has saved us and called *us* with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.

1:12 I Know Whom I Believed
For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

1:14 Keep That Good Gift Given You
That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.

Main Truth:

We are to rejoice in God's gracious work in us to call us, save us, and keep us.

Questions:

1 Who is the most significant person in your Christian life? Who influenced you the most in coming to Christ? Who led you to Jesus? Have you led anyone to Jesus?

2 Many believers are paralyzed by a spirit of fear, or hampered by a spirit of timidity. Are you? Are you ever afraid, embarrassed or timid about sharing the gospel?

3 God has called us in Christ before time began. That is an awesome truth. Do you every celebrate the fact that God called you before time began?

4 Do you celebrate and rejoice in the truth that “he is able to keep that which you committed unto him against that Day? What other verses assure you of that? It is good to rejoice in God and not in our own achievements.

2nd Timothy 2 - Be a Good Soldier

Key verses to think about.

2:3-5 Good Soldiers
You therefore must endured hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of *this* life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.

2:15 Unashamed Workman
Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2:19 God Knows His Own
Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

2:21 A Vessel Sanctified & Useful
Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

2:22 Run from Lusts
Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

2:25-26 The Snares of the Devil
In humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and *that* they may come to their senses *and escape* the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to *do* his will.

Main Truth:

Be a good soldiers who is disciplined and prepare for battle against Satan and false doctrines.

Questions:

1 Based on Paul's description in verses 3-5, are you a good soldier of Jesus Christ?

2 What does it mean to "endure hardships" as a good soldier? Have you endured any hardship for the Gospel?

3 Are you an approved workman who can "rightly interpret the word of truth"? Do you daily read the Word? Do you daily study the Word?

4 It is comforting to know that God knows who belongs to Him. But the seal of those who know Him is that they flee from sin, hating even the garments stained my sin. Does that describe you? Do you hate sin in your life?

5 Are you a vessel of honor, sanctified and prepared for every good work? What would make you a dirty vessel? How can you clean your vessel when it gets dirty?

5 What are the snares of the devil in your life? Do you recognize the "cheese" the devil puts in your traps? What are they?

6 Can a believer be captured (ensnared) by the devil? What does that mean? Can a believer be demonized? Prove your answer with Scripture.

2nd Timothy 3 - The Last Days

Let verses to think about.

3:1-5 Perilous Times
But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

3:12 Suffering Persecution
Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

3:15 Holy Scriptures
From childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

3:16-17 The Purpose of Scripture
All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Main Truth:

The only way for a man of God to be prepared for the end times is to saturate himself in the Word of God.

Questions:

1 Of Paul's describes the "last days" as despicable. Name at least 5 that describe people today?

2 Paul says all that live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. Do you suffer persecution? If not, does that say something about your lifestyle? Describe persecution.

3 Is it possible to live a godly life in today's world without being persecuted, mocked, disposed, or looked down on? Do you stand out as one who opposes our cultures sins? Do you ever speak out against the culture's sins? What are some of our culture's sins?

4 Do you know the Scriptures as should? Are you able to teach the Word of God to others? Do you? When and where? If not, why not?

2nd Timothy 4 - Keep the Faith

Let verses to think about.

4:2 Preach the Word
Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

4:3 Itchy Ears
For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;

4:5 Do the Work of an Evangelist
But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

4:7 Fight the Good Fight
I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

4:8 Crown of Righteousness
Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Main Truth:

Preaching truth, standing firm in the Gospel, and evangelizing the lost are to be priorities for every child of God.

Questions:

1 “Preach the Word.” If you are not a preacher is this command just for Timothy and pastors?

2 Preaching should contain these elements: reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all patience and teaching of sound doctrine. Are you under such preaching? Does it ever convict? Reprove? Rebuke? Exhort? Admonish? if not, what does it do?

3 Can laypeople do the work of an evangelist, or is that just for preachers? What I’d evangelism? How can average Christians do evangelism?

4 What does it mean to “fight the good fight of faith”? How are we to fight for faith? (see Jude 1:3)

5 Do you “love his appearing”? How’s do you do that?

6 There is more than just “the crown of righteousness.” Name them.

The Five Heavenly Crowns
In the New Testament, this is one of five symbolic crowns believers can receive:

- **The Imperishable Crown:** For self-discipline and victory over the flesh (1 Corinthians 9:25).
- **The Crown of Rejoicing:** For sharing the Gospel and leading others to Christ (1 Thessalonians 2:19).
- **The Crown of Glory:** For faithfully shepherding and leading the church (1 Peter 5:4).
- **The Crown of Life:** For enduring trials, persecution, and suffering (James 1:12, Revelation 2:10).