

# A Study on

# 2 Timothy

II TIMOTHY 1  
is committed to thy trust, avoiding  
profane and vain babblings,  
and oppositions of science falsely  
so called.

21 Which some professing have

Advice to Timothy  
concerning the faith. Grace  
with thee. Amen.

4 The letter to Timothy was written from  
13-66-547-4, which is the church  
city of Phrygia Tralles' ca.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE  
TO

## TIMOTHY

### CHAPTER 1

PAUL, an apostle of Jesus  
Christ by the will of God, ac-  
cording to the promise of life  
which is in Christ Jesus,  
2 To Timothy, my dearly be-  
loved son: Grace, mercy, and  
peace, from God the Father and  
Christ Jesus our Lord.  
3 I thank God, whom I serve  
from my forefathers with pure  
conscience, that without ceasing  
I have remembrance of thee in my  
prayers night and day:  
4 Greatly desiring to see thee,  
being mindful of thy tears, that I  
may be filled with joy:  
5 When I call to remembrance  
the unfeigned faith that is in thee,  
which dwelt first in thy grand-  
mother Lois, and thy mother  
Eunoe, and I am persuaded  
that in thee also.  
6 Wherefore I put thee in re-  
membrance, that thou stir up the  
gift of God, which is in thee by  
the putting on of thy hands;  
7 For God hath not given us the  
spirit of fear; but of power, and of  
love, and of a sound mind.  
8 He not thou therefore ashamed  
of the testimony of our Lord, nor  
of me his prisoner: but be thou  
partaker of the afflictions of the  
gospel according to the power of  
God;

9 Who hath saved us, and called  
us with an holy calling, not ac-  
cording to our works, but accord-  
ing to his own purpose and grace,  
which was given us in Christ Je-  
sus before the world began.  
10 But is now made manifest by  
the appearing of our Saviour Je-  
sus Christ, who hath abolished  
death, and hath brought life and  
immortality to light through the  
gospel.  
11 Whereunto I am appointed a  
preacher, and an apostle, and a  
teacher of the Gentiles.  
12 For the which cause 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  
that which I have committed unto  
him against that day.  
13 Hold fast the form of sound  
words, which thou hast heard of  
me, in faith and love which is in  
Christ Jesus.  
14 That good thing which was  
committed unto thee keep by the  
Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.  
15 This thou knowest, that all  
they which are in Asia be turned  
away from me; of whom are Phy-  
lotes and Hierax.  
16 The Lord give mercy unto  
the house of Onesiphorus; for  
he oft refreshed me, and was not  
ashamed of my chain.

Conduct to prison and shame

17 But, when he was in Rome, he  
sought me out very diligently, and  
found me.  
18 The Lord grant unto him  
that he may find mercy of the  
Lord in that day; and in how  
many things he ministered unto  
me at Ephesus, thou knowest very  
well.

### CHAPTER 2

THOU therefore, my son, be  
strong in the grace that is in  
Christ Jesus.  
2 And the things that thou hast  
heard of me among many wit-  
nesses, the same commit thou to  
faithful men, who shall be able to  
teach others also.  
3 Thou therefore endure hard-  
ness, as a good soldier of Jesus  
Christ.  
4 No man that warreth entan-  
gleth himself with the affairs of  
this life; that he may please him  
who hath chosen him to be a sol-  
dier.  
5 And if a man also strive for  
masteries, yet is he not crowned,  
except he strive lawfully.  
6 The husbandman that labour-  
eth must be first partaker of the  
fruit.  
7 Consider what I say, and the  
all things.  
8 Remember that Jesus Christ of  
the seed of David was raised from  
the dead according to my gospel:  
9 wherein I suffer trouble, as an  
evildoer, even unto bonds; but  
the word of God is not bound.  
10 Therefore I endure all things  
for the elect's sakes, that they may  
also obtain the salvation which is  
in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.  
11 It is a faithful saying: For if  
we be dead with him, we shall  
also live with him.

II TIMOTHY 2

12 If we suffer, yet shall we  
rejoice with him; if we deny him,  
he also will deny us.

13 If we believe not, yet he abid-  
eth faithful: he cannot deny him-  
self.

14 Of these things put them  
in remembrance, charging them be-  
fore the Lord that they strive not  
about words to no profit, but to  
the subverting of the hearers.

15 Study to shew thyself ap-  
proved unto God, a workman that  
needeth not to be ashamed, right-  
ly dividing the word of truth.

16 But shun profane, and vain  
babblings; for they will increase  
unto more ungodliness.

17 And their word will eat as  
doth a canker of whom is Hy-  
menaeus and Philetus:

18 Who concerning the truth  
have erred, saying that the resur-  
rection is past already; and over-  
throw the faith of some.

19 Nevertheless the foundation  
of God standeth sure, having this  
seal: The Lord knoweth them  
that are his. And, Let every one  
that nameth the name of Christ  
depart from iniquity.

20 But in a great house there are  
not only vessels of gold and of  
silver, but also of wood and of  
earthy; and some to honour, and  
some to dishonour.

21 If a man therefore purge him-  
self from these, he shall be a vessel  
unto honour, sanctified, and meet  
for the master's use, and prepared  
unto every good work.

22 Flee also youthful lusts; but  
follow righteousness, faith, chari-  
ty, peace, with them that call on  
the Lord out of a pure heart.

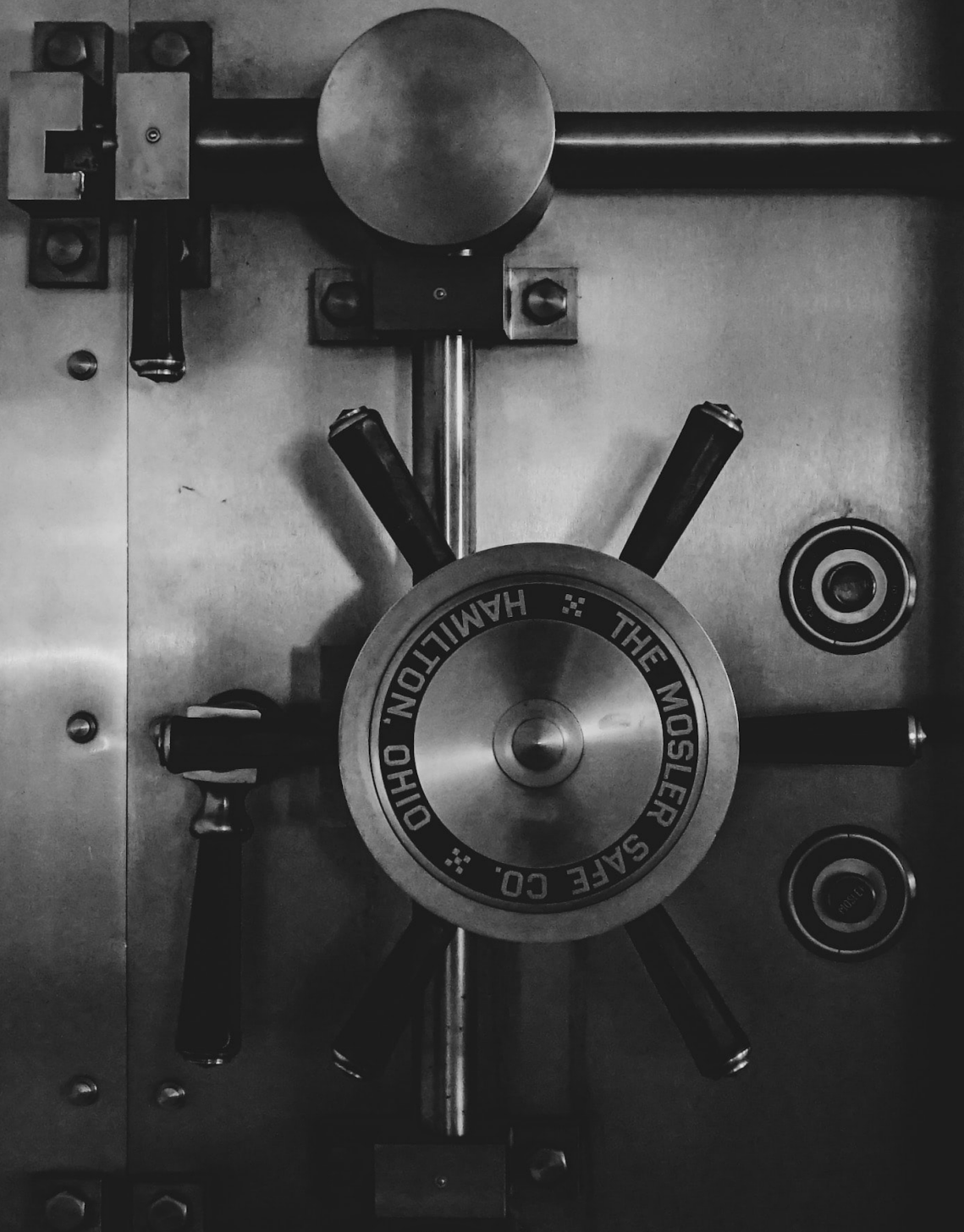
23 But foolish and unlearned  
questions avoid, knowing that  
they do breed strifes.

24 And the servant of the Lord  
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## Weekly Guide

<b>Week 1</b>	2 Timothy 1:1-18	Guard the Deposit
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*Week 1 ... 2 Timothy 1*





## DIVING DEEP:

What was your favorite verse from 2 Timothy 1?

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At the end of this booklet, there is a page for memory verses each week. Would you be willing to put your favorite verses into your memory? If so, write the verse on page 31 and look it over each week.

**History:** Timothy joined the Paul missionary team in Acts 16.

*Acts 16:1–5 Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. [2] He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. [3] Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. [4] As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. [5] So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.*

We find out in 2 Timothy 1 who had the biggest impact on Timothy’s faith in 2 Timothy 1:5.

His Grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ and Mother \_\_\_\_\_

★ Who has been your biggest influence in the faith?

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In verse 6, Paul encourages Timothy to “fan the flame” of the gift of God. What do you think that means to us?

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In verse 7, Paul's word is so encouraging to us. **for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.**

★ What does it look like to live with a spirit not of fear but of power?

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What does it look like to live by the spirit not of fear but of self-control?

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What does it look like to live by the spirit not of fear but of love?

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**2 Timothy 1:12** which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.

★ Paul was unashamed and convinced that God was with him, guarding the gospel message, which was entrusted to him. Below, contrast the difference between being a Christian that is ashamed vs one that is unashamed?

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★ Why is it important to be convinced of the reality of God?

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2 Timothy 1:14 By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

★ The Holy Spirit is sometimes called the forgotten God because people often minimize the role of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers. Let's take a few minutes to read about the Holy Spirit and write below each verse something you learn.

- **John 14:26** *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.*
- **Romans 8:26** *Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.*
- **1 Corinthians 6:19** *Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,*
- **Isaiah 11:2** *And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.*
- **Acts 1:8** *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*
- **John 14:15-17** *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.*
- **Luke 11:13** *If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"*
- **2 Corinthians 3:17** *Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*

How can we pray for you this week?



*Week 2 ...*

*2 Timothy 2:1-13*

THE FINEST QUALITY





There is a phrase in verse 1 that is worthy of our study. What does it mean to be “strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus”?

The Greek word: *endynamoō* means to be strong, endue with strength. It is the same word that is used in [Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me](#). What is the source of the strengthening?

Grace.

Grace in the Greek is the word *charis* meaning grace, that which affords joy, pleasure, delight.

This word is used in verses such as:

- [John 1:14](#) - *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

but also, in verses like this below as the word favor:

- [Luke 2:52](#) - *And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.*

- ★ Why is this important? We are strengthened because we have found favor with Christ Jesus the source of all power, grace and truth. How does it encourage you to know that you have found favor in the eyes of Jesus?

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Paul is encouraging Timothy to entrust the words spoken by Paul to other faithful men.



### **This is called discipleship.**

The picture that I have in my head of discipleship is of the glasses stacked at a wedding similar to the picture on the left. When something is poured into the top glass, it overflows into the glasses below and that continues until all the glasses are filled up. We are called to let what we learn about this incredible God that we serve, overflow to others so that they may be filled up in Him.

**This is our goal! Discipleship!**

- ★ In the next section, Paul uses the imagery of a soldier, athlete and farmer to describe what it means to be a Christian. How do each of these provide a picture of the Christian walk?

Soldier –

Athlete –

Farmer –

- ★ In verse 9, **2 Timothy 2:9** for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! What does it mean the word of God is not bound in your opinion?

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Isaiah 55:10–11 gives us a clue into the meaning of this phrase ‘God’s word is not bound.’

**Isaiah 55:10-11** “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, [11] so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

- ★ What does this verse imply?

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★ The final verses of our section for this week point to the gospel. What do you think each line means?

**2 Timothy 2:11** The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

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[12] if we endure, we will also reign with him;

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if we deny him, he also will deny us;

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The first two were straight forward but the third line could cause people to pause but it actually has an easy answer. Simple answer: Those who deny Jesus will be denied eternity with Christ. Look at Jesus' words in **Matthew 10:32–33** So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, [33] but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

[13] if we are faithless, he remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself.

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What an incredible God we serve! When we have a relationship with Christ, but begin to doubt and struggle, Jesus is still faithful. The Holy Spirit lives inside of us because we are the temple of God. Praise Jesus!

How can we pray for you this week?

A close-up photograph of a welder's hands. The welder is wearing a blue protective mask and a blue jacket. They are holding a metal rod and a welding torch, creating a bright blue and white flame at the point of contact. Numerous bright orange and yellow sparks are flying around the work area. The background is dark and out of focus, showing some white structural elements.

*Week 3 ...*

*2 Timothy 2:14-26*

## WEEK 3 ... A WORKER UNASHAMED

### 2 Timothy 2:14-26

#### A Worker Approved by God

[14] Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. [15] Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. [16] But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, [17] and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, [18] who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some. [19] But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

[20] Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. [21] Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

[22] So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. [23] Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. [24] And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, [25] correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, [26] and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

What was your favorite verse from 2 Timothy 2:14-26?

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## DIVING DEEP:

**2 Timothy 2:15** Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

★ What are the key components of this verse?

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★ What does it mean to rightly handle the word of truth?

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In verse 15, we are called workers who should put in effort, so that we will not be ashamed. How do these verses help us unpack the idea of being a worker for the Lord?

- **Colossians 3:23-24** Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.
- **Ephesians 2:10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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We were created to do good works, not in order to be saved but to be unashamed based on our walk with Christ. God created us to work, and we have an opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus to a world who desperately need to know Him.

**2 Timothy 2:21** Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

When you think of the word vessel what do you picture? Sketch it out below.

The vessel, that is being referred here, is most likely a cup or chalice of some kind. Why do we think that you may ask? Back in Daniel 5, Belshazzar was the last foolish king of Babylon, and he removed the vessels that had been in the temple for a feast. See the verses below.

**Daniel 5:3–4** Then they brought in the golden vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them. [4] They drank wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

These vessels were used to drink wine during the feast. The holy vessels of the temple were being used to praise idols which led to the handwriting on the wall. ‘MENE, MENE TEKEL PARSIN’ was written which means your days are numbered because you were found wanting and tonight the Persians will destroy you.

- ★ We are called in this verse to be “set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.” What does that mean to you?

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- ★ Give an example of an honorable use of your life. What about a dishonorable use?

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**2 Timothy 2:22** So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart

Let's take a closer look at the things we are called to pursue as Christians. For each section, use the verses below to come up with a practical definition for each word.

★ Righteousness – definition: \_\_\_\_\_

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- **Psalm 106:3** Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!
- **Isaiah 33:15-17** He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly, who despises the gain of oppressions, who shakes his hands, lest they hold a bribe, who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed and shuts his eyes from looking on evil, he will dwell on the heights; his place of defense will be the fortresses of rocks; his bread will be given him; his water will be sure. Your eyes will behold the king in his beauty; they will see a land that stretches afar.

★ Faith – definition: \_\_\_\_\_

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- **Romans 10:17** So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.
- **Hebrews 11:1** Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

★ Love – definition: \_\_\_\_\_

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- **1 Corinthians 13:4-8** Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.
- **1 Corinthians 16:14** Let all that you do be done in love.

★ Peace – definition: \_\_\_\_\_

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- **2 Thessalonians 3:16** Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.
- **Isaiah 26:3** You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

How can we pray for you this week?

PSALMS 60.2—62.6

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 ble; thou hast rent it:  
 the breaches thereof;  
 shaketh.  
 hast showed thy people  
 things:  
 hast made us to drink the  
 of staggering.  
 hast given a banner to  
 that fear thee,  
 may be displayed be-  
 e of the truth. [Sē'lāh  
 y beloved may be de-  
 ed,  
 with thy right hand, and  
 er 'us.  
 ath spoken in his holi-  
 : I will exult;  
 divide Shē'chem, and  
 out the valley of Sūc'-  
 d is mine, and Mā-nās'-  
 s mine;  
 im also is the defence  
 y head;  
 is my 'sceptre.  
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 will bring me into the  
 g city?  
 ath led me unto E'dōm?  
 not thou, O God, cast  
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 ou goest not forth, O  
 with our hosts.  
 s help against the adver-  
 n is the 'help of man.  
 h God we shall do vali-  
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 it is that will tread down  
 dversaries.

Lead me to the rock that is  
 higher than I.  
 3 For thou hast been a refuge  
 for me,  
 A strong tower from the enemy.  
 4 I will dwell in thy 'tabernacle  
 for ever:  
 I will take refuge in the covert  
 of thy wings. [Sē'lāh  
 5 For thou, O God, hast heard  
 my vows:  
 Thou hast <sup>10</sup>given me the heri-  
 tage of those that fear thy  
 name.  
 6 Thou wilt prolong the king's life;  
 His years shall be as many  
 generations.  
 7 He shall abide before God for  
 ever:  
 Oh prepare lovingkindness and  
 truth, that they may preserve  
 him.  
 8 So will I sing praise unto thy  
 name for ever,  
 That I may daily perform my  
 vows.

God alone a Refuge from Treachery and  
 Oppression.  
 For the Chief Musician; after the manner  
 of Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

62 My soul <sup>11</sup>waiteth in silence  
 for God only:  
 From him cometh my salvation.  
 2 He only is my rock and my sal-  
 vation:  
 He is my high tower; I shall  
 not be greatly moved.  
 3 How long will ye set upon a  
 man,  
<sup>12</sup>That ye may slay him, all of  
 you,  
 Like a leaning wall, like a tot-  
 tering fence?  
 4 They only consult to thrust him  
 down from his dignity;  
 They delight in lies;  
 They bless with their mouth,  
 but they curse inwardly. [Sē'lāh  
 5 My soul, <sup>13</sup>wait thou in silence  
 for God only;  
 For my expectation is from him.  
 6 He only is my rock and my sal-  
 vation:

<sup>8</sup> Or, a rock that is too high for me <sup>9</sup> Heb.  
 tent <sup>10</sup> Or, given a heritage unto those &c.  
<sup>11</sup> Heb. is silent unto God <sup>12</sup> Or, as other-  
 wise read, Ye shall be slain &c. <sup>13</sup> Heb. be  
 thou silent unto God

Week 4 ... 2 Timothy 3

## WEEK 4 ... TRUTH OF SCRIPTURE

### 2 Timothy 3

[1] But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. [2] For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, [3] heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, [4] treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, [5] having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. [6] For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, [7] always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth. [8] Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith. [9] But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men.

#### All Scripture Is Breathed Out by God

[10] You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, [11] my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. [12] Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, [13] while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. [14] But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it [15] and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. [16] All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, [17] that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

What was your favorite verse from 2 Timothy 3?

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## DIVING DEEP:

**2 Timothy 3:1-6** But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. [2] For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, [3] heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, [4] treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, [5] having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. [6] For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, [7] always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth.

The above list of sins is very concerning. These are evil people with malicious agendas. Which of the above descriptions is the most worrisome? Rank your top 3 and why.

★ #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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★ #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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★ #3 \_\_\_\_\_

Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Verse 7 “**always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth**” is particularly interesting. In the last days, the people will have a high level of education and information but will not be able to find the truth. The internet has given us access to more information than ever before, but we are unfortunately being pulled away from the truth.

★ Why do you think this is happening in our culture today?

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- ★ **2 Timothy 3:8** Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith. [9] But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men.

Who are Jannes and Jambres? Most commentaries suggest that the Jannes and Jambres were the lead magicians of Pharaoh based on some ancient writers and they performed duplicate signs during God’s work through Moses. We see them in Exodus 7:10-13.

- **Exodus 7:10–13** So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the LORD commanded. Aaron cast down his staff before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became a serpent. [11] Then Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers, and they, the magicians of Egypt, also did the same by their secret arts. [12] For each man cast down his staff, and they became serpents. But Aaron’s staff swallowed up their staffs. [13] Still Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

Whether this speculation is true or not, we know that these two people actively opposed Moses and the truth. We are called to live out our faith. **2 Timothy 3:10** You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness,

- ★ Which part of this list is most encouraging to follow?

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The main topic of this section of 2 Timothy 3 is the recognition of the truth as the God-breathed Bible.

**2 Timothy 2:16-17** All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Here is a statement from our church constitution about our view of the Bible.

*We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error and is the complete revelation of Himself.*

★ Let's compare what the Bible says about itself. Read each verse below. What does it teach us about the Bible?

- **2 Peter 1:21** For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.
- **Proverbs 30:5** Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.
- **Titus 1:2** In hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began
- **Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
- **Titus 1:2** In hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began

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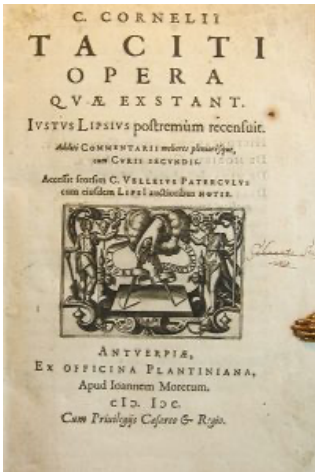
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Is there any evidence outside of the Bible that lends support to the historicity of the Bible? **YES!**



Here are a couple resources to discuss.

Tacitus was a Roman senator and ancient historian. He wrote the following passage in the volume of Annals written in 116-117 CE which includes this quote:

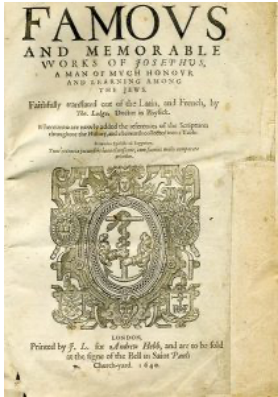
*"[N]either human effort nor the emperor's generosity nor the placating of the gods ended the scandalous belief that the fire had been ordered [by Nero]. Therefore, to put down the rumor, Nero substituted as culprits and punished in the most unusual ways those hated for their shameful acts ... whom the crowd called "Chrestians." The founder of this name, Christ [Christus in Latin], had been executed in the reign of Tiberius by the procurator Pontius Pilate ..."*

What are your thoughts about the Tacitus quote above?

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The second historical reference outside of the Bible is from Josephus.

Josephus was a Jewish priest and historian in first century Palestine. His two major works were the Jewish War and Jewish Antiquities.

This first quote is from book 18 in Jewish Antiquities referred to as the *Tesimonium Flavianum*.

*“Around this time there lived Jesus, a wise man, if indeed one ought to call him a man.<sup>21</sup> For he was one who did surprising deeds, and a teacher of such people as accept the truth gladly. He won over many Jews and many of the Greeks. He was the Messiah. When Pilate, upon hearing him accused by men of the highest standing among us, had condemned him to be crucified, those who in the first place came to love him did not give up their affection for him, for on the third day, he appeared to them restored to life. The prophets of God had prophesied this and countless other marvelous things about him. And the tribe of Christians, so called after him, have still to this day not died out. “*

The brother of Jesus, James was also mentioned in book 20 of Jewish Antiquities..

*“Being therefore this kind of person [i.e., a heartless Sadducee], Ananus, thinking that he had a favorable opportunity because Festus had died and Albinus was still on his way, called a meeting [literally, “sanhedrin”] of judges and brought into it the brother of Jesus-who-is-called-Messiah ... James by name, and some others. He made the accusation that they had transgressed the law, and he handed them over to be stoned.”*

- ★ Are the quotes above significant historical evidence of the existence of Christ? What are your thoughts?

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*God's word is useful for our lives. His word is truth!*

How can we pray for you this week?

*Week 5 ... 2 Timothy 4*







Final Greetings

[19] Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.  
[20] Erastus remained at Corinth, and I left Trophimus, who was ill, at Miletus. [21] Do your best to come before winter. Eubulus sends greetings to you, as do Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brothers. [22] The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

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What was your favorite verse from 2 Timothy 4?

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**DIVING DEEP:**

Let’s walk through the first part of chapter 4 together.

**2 Timothy 4:1-2** I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: [2] preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

★ What do learn about the character of God from verse 1?

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Paul charges Timothy to take action. Let’s discuss each action he was called to take.

★ **Preach the Word** – Be ready in an out of season. This word preach (kerysso) is the manner of being a herald. We are called to be the herald, spokesperson of God to the world. How are you a spokesperson for Jesus?

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**Reprove** – (Greek-elegcho) convict, refute, correct, convince

What does reprove look like in our modern culture?

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★ **Rebuke** – (Greek-epitimaō) to tax with fault, charge

This concept is very similar to reprove. In my opinion, reprove is more about correcting false teaching while rebuke is more about correcting actions. What does rebuke look like in our modern culture?

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**Exhort** – (Greek-parakaleō) call to one’s side, to address with both admonish and comfort the goal of exhortation is to lift up to their right position. What does exhort look like in our modern culture?

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★ Why is the tag of “with patience and teaching” important in the context of the words above?

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“Why is this important?” is the next logical question. Let’s look at verses 3 and 4.

**2 Timothy 4:3-4** For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, [4] and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

★ What sort of itching ears teachers do you see in the world today?

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★ What does it mean to “turn away from listening to the truth” or maybe a better way of asking it is: in what ways have you seen people turn away?

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Let’s look at Paul’s final personal instructions for Timothy.

**2 Timothy 4:5** As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

★ Which of the above instructions is most impactful for you?

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At the end of the letter, Paul reveals his ministry directives to Timothy. As you read, there are several positive and some negative instructions. Circle any names you recognize from other places in the Scriptures, then research any of the names that interest you.

**2 Timothy 4:9-22** Do your best to come to me soon. [10] For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. [11] Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. [12] Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. [13] When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. [14] Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. [15] Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. [16] At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! [17] But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. [18] The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. [19] Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. [20] Erastus remained at Corinth, and I left Trophimus, who was ill, at Miletus. [21] Do your best to come before winter. Eubulus sends greetings to you, as do Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brothers. [22] The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

Here are some of my "Notable Names" with references:

- + - Demas – Colossians 4:14, Philemon 24
- + - Tychicus – Acts 20:4, Ephesians 6:21, Colossians 4:7, Titus 3:12
- + - Alexander – 1 Timothy 1:20
- + - Prisca and Aquila – Acts 18, 1 Corinthians 16:19
- + - Onesiphorus – Book of Philemon
- + - Trophimus – Acts 20:4, Acts 21:29

★ Which of the above people are most interesting to you? Why?

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# *Memory Verses from 2 Timothy:*

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**Week 1:**

**Week 2:**

**Week 3:**

**Week 4:**

**Week 5:**



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