

## A Study of 2 Timothy

### Week 2 Day 1

**Pray:** Begin your study in prayer. In John 17:17 Jesus prayed for you to God the Father, “Sanctify them in truth; Your Word is truth.” To the world, the Word seems foolish, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God (1 Corinthians 1:18). If you abide in His Word, you are truly His disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free (John 8:31-32). So, let’s go to the Word together and abide in It.

**Read:** Last week you read through the book of 2 Timothy five times. At this point you may have begun to notice the natural breaks in Paul’s writing. Today you are going to outline the book of 2 Timothy. Your outline can be as simple or as detailed as you choose to make it. If you have never outlined a book before here are two ideas on how to get started.

#1 In my opinion, the simplest way to outline a book is to make paragraph headers. Many Bible publishers do this for you, but you will learn so much (not to mention remember them better) if you write your own. So read through the book of 2 Timothy and at the beginning of each paragraph write a few words in the margin that summarize what that paragraph is about. Try not to paraphrase, but whenever possible use the Words of Scripture.

#2 Another method which is more time consuming, but also more thorough, is to write an old-fashioned roman numeral outline. For this method get a piece of paper and start by identifying the broadest subjects discussed and then fill in the details until you have outlined the entire book.

If both of these methods seem too overwhelming to you. Then simply read through the entire book and ask God to show you two or three major subjects covered in 2 Timothy.

**Apply:** Together we are going to continue hiding God’s Word in our hearts, that we might not sin against Him (Psalm 119:11). Our memory verse for this week is 2 Timothy 3:16 (we will memorize verse 17 next week). “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;” Write out the verse below.

## Week 2 Day 2

**Pray:** Begin your study in prayer. Ask God to help you set your mind on things above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God and when Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory (Colossians 3:1-4). Amen and Amen.

**Read:** Last week you listed everything you learned about Paul and Timothy. Today, you are going to list everything you learn about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. This is eternal life, that we may know God, the only true God, and Jesus Christ Whom He sent (John 17:3). So today our goal is to glean everything the text teaches us about God, Jesus, and The Holy Spirit. To do this, I like to read quickly through the text marking every reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit with a purple pencil. I then go back through and list what I've learned about the trinity. Others prefer not to mark in their Bibles but to list what they learn as they read. Either way, the end result should be that you have a comprehensive list of everything the book of 2 Timothy teaches us about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Write your list below.

**Apply:** In Matthew chapter fourteen Jesus walks on water to His disciples who were in a boat. On Jesus' command, Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and began to sink. Jesus said, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt" (Matthew 14:22-31). In the midst of our earthly struggles, it is so easy to doubt but we are told to look to Jesus the founder and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12:2). Today I want you to carry with you the list you wrote about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Fold it up and put it in your pocket, write it on a notecard, or snap a picture of it with your phone. When your first struggle of the day comes instead of looking at the waves, take out the list and read it. Lift your spiritual eyes to the Lord from whom your help comes (Psalm 121:1-2). Take your eyes off the waves and fix your eyes on Him.

## Week 2 Day 3

**Pray:** Lord, today and everyday let us lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:1b-2). In Jesus name Amen.

**Read:** Last week on day 5 you made a list of the key words which you saw repeated throughout the text. Today we want to look at two of those word: “suffering” and “persecution.” So, read through the book of 2 Timothy, mark “suffering” and “persecutions” (circle them with a red pencil), and make a list of everything the text teaches you about suffering and persecution. When making your list remember to ask yourself the 5 W’s and an H (who, what, when, where, why, and how). Write your list below.

### Apply:

Look over your list and answer each of the following questions (don’t forget to include the reference)

1. As a Believer are you going to suffer?
2. What are you suffering for?
3. How should you respond to suffering?

#### 4. Should you be ashamed of suffering for the Gospel?

Does this seem hard to you right now? Are you in the midst of suffering? Be comforted, Dear Heart, because as you share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too (2 Corinthians 1:5). Jesus says in Matthew 5:11-12 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in Heaven."

Go and act accordingly.

### **Week 2 Day 4**

**Pray:** Lord, in the way of Your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches. I will meditate on Your precepts and fix my eyes on Your ways. I will delight in Your statutes; I will not forget Your Word. (Psalm 119:14-16)

**Read:** Today we are going to read the text again. This time we want to learn everything the letter of 2 Timothy has to teach us about the Gospel and God's Word. So read the text, mark "Gospel," "Word," and "Scripture" and list everything you learn. Write your list below.

**Apply:** Read over the list of what you have learned about the Gospel and God's Word and journal your answers to the following questions.

1. What is the Gospel? (2:8)
2. Can the Word be imprisoned? (2:9)
3. Is there one source of perfect truth or can we decide for ourselves what truth is? (2:15)
4. Is the Old Testament still relevant to us? (3:15-16)
5. What profit is there in studying the Word? (3:16)
6. According to chapter three of 2 Timothy why do we study the Word? (3:16)
7. How will knowing these truths change the way you approach Bible study?

## Week 2 Day 5

**Pray:** Begin your study time in prayer. Thank Him for giving us His Word and join the Psalmist in saying, “Oh how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day” (Psalm 119:97).

**Read:** Today we want to learn about works.

First, read 2 Timothy 1:9, 2:21, and 3:16-17 and list below what you learn about works.

Now Read the following verses and write down what you learn about works from each passage.

Galatians 2:16

Ephesians 2:10

James 2:18

James 2:26

Titus 3:8 and 3:14

Hebrews 10:24-25

John 17:17 (this doesn't refer to works but write what you learn from the passage and correlate it to 2 Timothy 2:21)

**Apply:**

Read back over everything you have learned today and answer the following questions. Don't just answer "yes" or "no" but write out how you know that is true using the words of Scripture.

1. Are we saved by our works? (2 Timothy 1:9 and Galatians 2:16)
2. Do works have a role in the life of a believer? (Ephesians 2:10, James 2:26, 2:18 and Titus 3:8, 3:14)
3. How do we become prepared for good work? (2 Timothy 2:21 and 3:16-17, John 17:17, and Hebrews 10:24-25)
4. Is God convicting you of changes you need to make in either your actions or your thinking? Pray about it.