

2 Timothy Study – Exton church of Christ

CHAPTER 1

1. The people receiving this letter know Paul well. Why then does Paul open his letter identifying himself as an apostle?
2. Paul mentions his ancestors and also Timothy's mother and grandmother, who we know from Acts. Why does he mention their faith?
3. What does it mean to "fan into flame the gift of God?"
4. How would you explain a spirit of fear? Contrast that with a spirit of power and love and self-control?
5. What are the real-life importance of power, love, self-control?
6. What is Paul's request to the readers in verse 8?
7. How/why are Christians called to a "holy calling?" What is this holy calling?
8. What has been entrusted to Paul and how what is his attitude toward what has been entrusted to him?
9. Why is Paul not ashamed?
10. What is "that Day" that Paul refers to (1 Corin. 3:13, 1 Thessalonians 5:2-3)?
11. How does the Holy Spirit help us protect the gospel (John 16:7-8, 13-15, 1 Corinthians 2:10-11, Romans 8:26)

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12. Compare Phygelus and Hermogenes to Onesiphorus. What are ways we can imitate Onesiphorus?
13. What is the big picture theme of chapter 1?

CHAPTER 2

1. What do verses 1-2 tell us about Paul's view of the gospel message?
2. How does Paul explain what a good soldier of Christ is? (verses 3-7) What qualities does a good soldier have that are also applicable to a Christian?
3. What happens to an athlete who breaks the rules and what does this tell us about the importance of obedience and sound doctrine?
4. In verses 8-9, Paul mentions his suffering. Why does he endure all of that?
5. (Verses 11-13) What must we do to live (Romans 6:8)? To endure (Romans 5, James 1:12)?
6. Will God save those who deny him? (Matthew 10:33)
7. What does it mean in verse 15 to be "one approved?"
8. What is the result of "irreverent babble" (likewise the silly myths and quarrels that Paul discussed in 1 Timothy).
9. What are some of the falsehoods that are being taught?
10. (Verse 20) What does Paul compare us to? What is our purpose?

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11. What is Paul's advice for dealing with foolish arguments? What are key characteristics we should possess when dealing with opposition?
12. What is the big picture theme of chapter 2?

CHAPTER 3

1. What does it mean to have the appearance of godliness but deny its power?
2. Why should these people should be avoided and how? Compare the character of these to 2:22-25.
3. Who are Jannes and Jambres and why does Paul compare them to false teachers?
4. What happened to Paul at Antioch? At Iconium? At Lystra? How did the Lord rescue him?
5. How can deceivers also be deceived (verse 13)?
6. How are Old Testament scriptures able to show the way to salvation? Give some examples.
7. What can we understand about scripture based on Paul's description of it in verse 16?
8. Who is a "man of God" as mentioned in verse 17?
9. What is the big picture theme of chapter 3?

CHAPTER 4

1. What is Paul's charge to Timothy?
2. How does Timothy stay ready?

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3. What does it mean to “reprove, rebuke and exhort?” Why is important to do it with patience?
4. What is imminent for Paul (verses 6-7)? How does he view his life’s work?
5. Why does Paul compare himself to a drink offering?
6. Why do you think Paul uses the phrase “crown of righteousness” as the reward for those who have loved the appearance of Christ?
7. How are we living our lives if we desire the Lord’s appearing?
8. Find out a little more about the men mentioned here:
 - a. Mark: Acts 12:12, Acts 13:5 and 13, Acts 15:36-40, Colossians 4:10, Philemon 1:24, 1 Peter 5:13
 - b. Crescens: Tradition says from Rome and one of the 70 sent out.
 - c. Tychius: Acts 20:4, Titus 3:12, Ephesians 6:21-22, Colossians 4:7-8
 - d. Demas: Philemon 1:24, Colossians 4:14
 - e. Titus: Galatians 2:3, Titus 1:4, 2 Corin. 8:6, 16-17, 2 Corinthians 2:12-13, 2 Corinthians 7:6-7, 13-14, 2 Corinthians 8:16-24.
9. What lessons can we learn from verses 16-17? What can we understand about Paul’s mindset based on verse 18?
10. More about:
 - a. Prisca and Quila: Acts 18
 - b. Trophimus: Acts 20:4, 21:29
 - c. Onesiphorus: 2 Timothy 1:16-18
 - d. Erastus: Romans 16:23, Acts 19:22 (Inscription: [Erastus Inscription – Drive Thru History®: 'Bible Unearthed'](#))
 - e. Eubulus: Only mention
 - f. Pudens: Only mention (tradition says he was son of a Roman senator, martyred under Nero)
 - g. Linus: Only mention (viewed by Catholic church as pope after Peter).
 - h. Claudia: Only mention
11. What is the big picture theme of chapter 4?

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