

2 Timothy



Study Outline

Background: Though there are varied opinions as to the date Paul wrote his second letter to Timothy, there is almost an universal belief this was indeed the final letter written by the beloved Apostle before his execution in Rome. Though the letter is addressed to his dear friend Timothy, in many ways this letter has more to do with Paul than Timothy. Because these are the final recorded words of Paul (an epitaph of sorts), you'll find this letter to be more personal and emotional than his other writings. Paul references 25 different individuals and speaks with true sense of triumph as he approaches certain death.

Main Point: As Paul was approaching the end of his personal race, he was also concluding several decades worth of ministry. With this seasoned perspective Paul focuses in on one key attribute required of a true servant of Jesus in this letter to Timothy. Beyond talent, skill, or eloquence Paul appreciated loyalty above all in a faithful minister. In this letter Paul discusses our loyalty to Christ in midst of suffering, in the depths of service, in the face of apostasy - knowing that the Lord always proves loyal to His faithful servants. One of the main reasons Paul zeros in on this concept of Christian Loyalty was the reality he sensed a coming "dark cloud of apostasy" which would overtake the church. To combat this apostasy, Paul emphasizes the preaching of God's Word as the only true way to transform and save humanity. It's interesting to note Paul emphasizes the study and teaching of the Word more in 2nd Timothy than he does in all of his other letters.

OUTLINE OF 2 TIMOTHY:

1. LOYALTY IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING

2 TIMOTHY 1:1-7	MAINTAIN A SPIRIT OF POWER, LOVE, AND SOUND MIND
2 TIMOTHY 1:8-12	DO NOT BE ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL
2 TIMOTHY 1:13-18	HOLD FAST TO THE FAITH

2. LOYALTY IN THE DEPTHS OF SERVICE

2 TIMOTHY 2:1-13	A SERVANTS MOTIVATION MUST BE GRACE
2 TIMOTHY 2:14-26	CHARACTERISTICS OF FAITHFUL & UNFAITHFUL WORKERS

3. LOYALTY IN THE FACE OF APOSTASY

2 TIMOTHY 3:1-9	ACTIVELY RESIST THOSE WHO'D SPREAD FALSEHOOD
2 TIMOTHY 3:10-12	ACTIVELY FOLLOW THOSE WHO PROCLAIM THE TRUTH
2 TIMOTHY 3:13-17	ACTIVELY STUDY THE ENTIRETY OF SCRIPTURE
2 TIMOTHY 4:1-5	ACTIVELY PREACH THE WORD TO THE LOST

4. THE LORD IS ALWAYS LOYAL TO HIS FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS

2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8	THE LORD REWARDS THOSE WHO FINISH THE RACE
2 TIMOTHY 4:9-16	THE LORD PROVIDES FRIENDS FOR ENCOURAGEMENT
2 TIMOTHY 4:17-22	THE LORD STAND WITH AND STRENGTHENS HIS PEOPLE

Key Verse: "Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us."

- 2 Timothy 1:13-114



Day 1: Virtue of Loyalty....

2 Timothy 1:1-7 // THINKING POINTS: (1). Why do you think the Apostle Paul was so fond of Timothy? (2). What does it mean to be loyal? In what way do you think Timothy was loyal to Paul and more importantly to Jesus? (3). If loyalty mean “unwavering allegiance” would you conclude you’re loyal to Jesus by looking at your life?

Day 2: Not Ashamed....

2 Timothy 1:8-12 // THINKING POINTS: (1). In what ways might you find yourself tempted to be ashamed of the testimony of your Lord Jesus? (2). Does your faith in the work of Jesus seem even to yourself to be founded in things that might be illogical? (3). What was the reasoning behind Paul’s exhortation to not be ashamed?

Day 3: Present Yourself....

2 Timothy 2:14-19 // THINKING POINTS: (1). If we’re saved by faith and not by works why would Paul give us the task of “presenting ourselves to God” as a diligent worker? (2). In what way can you actively “present yourself” to the Lord? (3). In what ways do you need to be more diligent when it comes to the way you live before the Lord?

Day 4: Flee Youthful Lusts....

2 Timothy 2:20-26 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What might Paul be referring to when he encourages us to “flee youthful lusts?” (2). Though the miracle of healing is preformed by the Lord alone, what responsibility do these verses seem to indicate we have? (3). What is the key to fleeing youthful lusts? Refer to the second half of verse 22.

Day 5: Catalyst for Godliness....

2 Timothy 3:10-4:5 // THINKING POINTS: (1). What does Paul encourage Timothy to “continue in?” (2). According to this passage what is the catalyst or mechanism to achieve personal Godliness? (3). In what way is the study of Scripture profitable for the man or woman pursuing God? Reference verse 16 to compile this list.

Day 6: Prize for the Finisher....

2 Timothy 4:6-8 // THINKING POINT: (1). In light of these verse, what was the prize Paul would receive at the end of his personal journey with the Lord? (2). Though it seems as though there will be an actual crown the Lord will provide the faithful, what do you think the “crown of righteousness” also includes? (3). Does the reality there is a reward for the faithful runner provide you encouragement in the midst of the race?

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