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TIMOTHY

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LETTER

# II TIMOTHY - The LETTER

## READ AND OBSERVE

Read through **II Timothy** and mark every reference to God the Father.

Read through **II Timothy** and mark every reference to Jesus.

Read through **II Timothy** and mark every reference to the Holy Spirit.

Read through **II Timothy** and mark every reference to Paul.

Read through **II Timothy** and mark every reference to Timothy.

Read through **II Timothy** and mark every reference to time, time phrases, etc.

Read through **II Timothy** and mark contrasts (how two different things are different from each other).

Read through **II Timothy** and mark comparisons (how two different things are similar to each other).

Read through **II Timothy** and mark every term of conclusion, i.e. therefore, for this reason, etc.

Read through **II Timothy** and mark every reference to faith, faithful.

Read through **II Timothy** and mark every reference to grace.

Read through **II Timothy** and mark every reference to the word of God, gospel, testimony, standard of sound words, treasure, truth, sacred writings, etc.

Read through **II Timothy** and mark every reference to suffering, hardship, endure.

Read through **II Timothy** and mark every reference to ashamed.

Read through **II Timothy** and mark every reference to salvation, life, etc.

Read through **II Timothy** and mark every reference to power.

Read through **II Timothy** and mark every reference to guard, entrusted.

Read through **II Timothy** and mark every reference to work, serve, service, deeds, etc. Make a list for each of the key words or phrases above, using the information you see in the text. I.e.:

*God the Father*

*His will made Paul an apostle*

*Grace, mercy and peace are from Him*

*The Father*

*He is to be served with a clear conscience*

*Etc.*

Read through **II Timothy 1** and divide the passage into the follow segments:

1. Introduction
2. Paul and Timothy's faith
3. Timothy's gift
4. The gospel
5. The apostasy

Mark and title these segments in your text using brackets in the margin.

Read through **II Timothy 2** and divide the passage into the follow segments:

1. Entrust the Faith to Faithful men
2. Suffering, discipline and toil
3. The Word of God cannot be imprisoned
4. Cleanse yourself from all error

Mark and title these segments in your text using brackets in the margin

Read through **II Timothy 3** and divide the passage into the follow segments:

1. Difficult times caused by false believers
2. Continue in the truth

Mark and title these segments in your text using brackets in the margin

Read through **II Timothy 4** and divide the passage into the follow segments:

1. Preach the Word no matter what!
2. Paul's work is completed
3. Paul wants Timothy to come

Mark and title these segments in your text using brackets in the margin

# READ AND OBSERVE

## **II Timothy 1:1-2**

Who wrote the book of **II Timothy**?

To whom is the book written?

What position does Paul attribute to himself?

How did Paul become an apostle?

1.

2.

Where is life found?

What relationship does Timothy have to Paul?

Where do grace, mercy and peace come from?

1.

2.

How is God described?

How is Jesus described?

## **II Timothy 1:3-7**

Who does Paul serve?

How does Paul serve Him?

What does Paul do constantly?

When Paul prays what two things does he do?

1.

2.

What is Paul thanking God for?

What does Paul want whenever he thinks of Timothy?

Why?

What is Paul very sure about concerning Timothy?

Who taught Timothy the Old Testament scriptures?

Who taught Timothy the Truth of the New Testament (before it was written down)?

What exhortation does Paul give Timothy?

What is most definitely NOT from God?

What has God given to believers?

1.

2.

3.

## **II Timothy 1:8-11**

Of what is Timothy not to be ashamed?

1.

2.

What is Timothy exhorted to do instead?

What comes part and parcel with the gospel?

How is Timothy supposed to suffer? What does he have available to him?

What does God do concerning our salvation?

1.

2.

What kind of a calling does God call us with?

Are we called because of our works?

Why are we called?

1.

2.

When was grace to save us granted to us?

How was grace granted to us?

What has caused the grace that was granted to us to be revealed?

What does “the appearing” mean?

What is Jesus called?

1.

2.

What did Jesus do when He appeared?

1.

2.

What was used to bring life and immortality to light?

In regards to the gospel, what positions was Paul given?

1.

2.

3.

**II Timothy 1:12-14**

Why does Paul suffer?

What has God made available to Paul (as well as all believers) to help us in our suffering? Go back to verses seven and eight.

1.

2.

3.

Is Paul ashamed?

Why not?

1.

2.

What is Paul convinced that God is able to guard?

What does Paul command Timothy to do?

What are sound words?

What is a pattern of sound words?

Where did Timothy hear the pattern of sound words?

How is Timothy to guard the pattern of sound words?

1.

2.

What is Timothy told to do with the treasure?

How is Timothy to guard the treasure?

Where is the Holy Spirit?

Who is “us”?

What is the treasure?

Who entrusted the treasure to Timothy?

## **II Timothy 1:15-18**

What has happened in Asia?

Does Timothy know about it?

Name two men who have apostatized?

Name one man who has held firm?

Why does Paul ask God to grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus?

1.

2.

3.

Why does Paul say Timothy already knows what services Onesiphorus rendered to Paul at Ephesus? (Where is Timothy? **I Timothy 1:3**)

Although Onesiphorus was not ashamed of Paul's chains—who was?

1.

2.

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## II Timothy 2:1-7

Why does Paul exhort Timothy to be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus? (Look back at chapter one.)

Where is grace found?

What will grace cause Timothy to be?

What is Timothy supposed to entrust to faithful men?

Was Timothy the only one who heard Paul's preaching?

Of what importance is it that many witnesses heard Paul's gospel?

What will the faithful men be able to do with the Word of God?

What kind of men will the faithful men entrust the Word of God to?

God entrusted His Word to Paul. Who did Paul entrust it to?

Watch the progression of responsibility. From Timothy it went to faithful men. Then faithful men entrusted it to other faithful men. Has the responsibility been placed in your lap? What are you doing with the Word of God? What will you do with it?

What does Paul call Timothy to do?

Paul uses three images that show what is demanded by carrying the gospel. What are they?

1.

2.

3.

Let's look at the good soldier first. Who is the good soldier's commander?

What does every good soldier abstain from?

Why?

Are you a good soldier of Christ Jesus?

Who enlisted you as a soldier?

Are you available for His service at all times in your life or have you entangled yourself with the affairs of everyday life?

If you are entangled with things that your commander has not ordered you to do, what must you do now?

What is the next image?

What does an athlete do?

How is he to compete?

What is required in order for him to win the prize?

In the context of **II Timothy**, what are the rules?

In the context of **II Timothy**, what would be an example of breaking the rules?

What is the next image?

What kind of farmer is Paul talking about?

What does the hard-working farmer deserve?

Will he receive all of the crops?

What is Timothy's responsibility in regards to what Paul has taught him?

How will Timothy ultimately understand what Paul has said?

### **II Timothy 2:8-13**

Paul is not saying that he has a different gospel than others—he calls the gospel “his gospel” because it has been entrusted to him. What important facts are parts of what has been entrusted to him?

1.

2.

What specific kind of suffering does Paul endure because of the gospel that God has entrusted to him?

Paul may be imprisoned, but what is not imprisoned?

Who does Paul endure all things for?

Why?

When you receive salvation, what else do you receive?

What is true if we have died with Christ?

What is true if we endure?

What is true if we deny Christ?

What is true if we are faithless?

Why does He remain faithful?

Are the first two contrasts (of the previous four) referring to believers or unbelievers?

Are the last two contrasts (of the previous four) referring to believers or unbelievers?

## **II Timothy 2:14-26**

What is Timothy told to remind the believers at Ephesus of?

Is this a new problem for the church at Ephesus? **I Timothy 1:4**

What is he told to order them not to do?

How important of an order does Paul consider it?

What does Paul say is true about wrangling over words?

1.

2.

Where is this wrangling taking place? Inside the church or outside the church?

What is Timothy to be diligent about?

Who approves or disapproves of someone's use of the Word of God?

What should be our goal in handling the Word of God?

If we know the Word of God the way God requires, will we be ashamed of what it says?  
Will we be ashamed to tell others what it really says?

We are to "handle" the Word of God, but what are we to avoid?

1.

2.

What will it lead to?

If worldly and empty chatter leads to further ungodliness, then is worldly and empty chatter ungodly in and of itself?

What is it that will spread like gangrene?

Who are two men who are leading people into further ungodliness by their worldly and empty chatter?

Could one of these men be the same man who was causing problems in the church at Ephesus mentioned in **I Timothy 1:20**?

Where are these men in relationship to the truth?

What specific falsehood are they spreading?

How are their lies affecting others in the church?

In spite of the apostasy and its repercussions in the church, what remains steadfast?

What seal does the firm foundation of God have?

1.

2.

Is the first part of this seal internal or external? “The Lord knows who are His.”

Is the second part of this seal internal or external? “Everyone who names the Name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness.”

Paul now gives a word picture to help Timothy understand what he has been saying about worldly and empty chatter. What two types of vessels are in a large house?

What are the gold and silver vessels compared to—honor or dishonor?

What are the wood and earthenware vessels compared to—honor or dishonor?

How can someone be useful as a vessel to the Master?

What are “these things”?

When we are cleansed from these things, how are we described?

1.

2.

3.

4.

What is Timothy told to flee from?

The word “lusts” simply means “desires”. In the context, do you think this is referring to sexual desires? Has there been any talk at all concerning Timothy’s morality?

What desires, then, do you think Paul is telling Timothy to flee from?

What is Timothy to pursue instead?

1.

2.

3.

4.

Who is he to pursue them with?

What is Timothy told to refuse?

1.

2.

What is true about foolish and ignorant speculations?

What must the Lord's bond-servant not be?

What must the Lord's bond-servant be?

1.

2.

3.

4.

In the light of what Paul has been telling Timothy in this letter, what do you think Paul is referring to when he says Timothy is to be patient when wronged? Wronged how?

Who is Timothy to correct with gentleness?

What are they in opposition to?

Once they are corrected, what may God grant to them?

What does the true repentance granted by God lead to?

Once they have the knowledge of the truth, what can happen to them?

Once they come to their senses, what can they do?

What has the devil held them captive for?

What is the devil's will? (Let the context tell you.)

If these people, who have been in opposition to God's Word, have been in the snare of the devil and help captive by him, are they believers or unbelievers?

By correcting those who are wrong in doctrine, of what glorious event are we honored to be a part?

Draw a circle around "wrangle about words" in verse fourteen. Now draw a circle around "worldly and empty chatter" and connect the two circles with a line. Read the passage and see why they are synonymous. Draw circles around the following phrases and draw lines from each one to the next.

- Wrangle about words (verse 14)
- Worldly and empty chatter (verse 16)
- It (verse 16)
- Talk (verse 17)
- Gone astray from the truth saying (verse 18)
- Wickedness (verse 19)
- These things (verse 21)
- Youthful lusts (verse 22)
- Foolish and ignorant speculations (verse 23)
- They (verse 23)
- Opposition (verse 25)

Do you see how these phrases are all talking about the same thing? The only thing that is to be in Timothy's vessel (or yours or mine) is God's Word! Don't listen to other things! Cleanse yourself from all outside influences and be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to your Master, prepared for every good work!

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## II Timothy 3:1-9

What does Paul command Timothy to realize?

Why will difficult times come?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.

13.

14.

15.

16.

17.

18.

19.

20.

This answer to this question is very important. Where will these type of people be?

In case you aren't sure what I mean, let me ask it another way. Will these people be outside the church or in the church? Verse five should help you with the answer. What do these men hold to?

What is Timothy commanded to do concerning these men?

Why?

Since Timothy is commanded to avoid men like these, do you see how they must be *in* the church? If Paul were talking about unbelievers, then who would Timothy witness to? Timothy is to avoid such men as these because they are false believers. The difficult times will happen inside the church. Since these are the last days, what should you be on guard for in your church?

Paul now gives an example of what these men do. What is it?

How does Paul describe the weak women?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Why might these women be weak? Weak in what way? (At that time it was still uncommon for women to be given the equal opportunity as men to learn the scriptures.)

Who does Paul compare these men to?

What do you learn about Jannes and Jambres from verse eight?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

What information from verse eight can you add to your list about the people that Timothy is to avoid?

- 1.
- 2.

3.

What does Paul promise will happen to these men?

1.

2.

What else do you learn about Jannes and Jambres from verse nine?

**II Timothy 3:10-17**

In what areas did Timothy follow Paul?

1.

2.

3.

4.

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7.

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9.

What information does Paul give us in verse eleven about his persecutions?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

What does Paul inform Timothy is true of all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus?

Paul has been clear that evil men and impostors are in the church. What are the impostors trying to look like?

What does Paul say will happen about the presence of evil men and impostors in the church?

What do evil men and impostors do in the church?

- 1.
- 2.

What is Timothy, however, as a godly man exhorted to do?

Who did Timothy learn the truth of the Word of God from?

What has Timothy known from childhood?

What are the sacred writings able to do?

What does wisdom from the sacred writings lead to?

How is a person saved?

What leads to that faith?

What is all Scripture profitable for?

1.

2.

3.

4.

What do teaching, reproof, correction and training in righteousness do for the man of God?

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## **II Timothy 4:1-5**

In the presence of whom does Paul charge Timothy?

How does Paul describe Christ?

What does Paul charge Timothy to do?

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

When is Timothy to be ready to preach the Word?

How is Timothy to exhort?

What does Paul inform Timothy will happen in the future?

Instead of listening to sound doctrine, what kind of teachers will people in the church listen to?

What will determine who they will listen to?

What does God call sound doctrine in verse four?

What does God call false doctrine in verse four?

How will people react to truth?

How will people react to myths?

What is Timothy to do when people won't listen to him?

1.

2.

3.

4.

### **II Timothy 4:6-8**

What does Paul say is happening to him?

What time has come for Paul?

What is Paul describing for Timothy?

What has Paul accomplished?

1.

2.

3.

When Paul says he has fought the good fight, what does that correspond to in chapter two verses three and four?

When Paul says he has finished the course, what does that correspond to in chapter two verse five?

When Paul says he has kept the faith in verses seven and eight, what does that correspond to in chapter two verse six?

As the hard-working farmer is the first to receive his share of the crops, so Paul will receive \_\_\_\_\_.

As others will receive their share of the crop, so will others receive a crown of righteousness who \_\_\_\_\_.

The fight is over, the course is over, and the farm season is over. Paul is just waiting to receive his reward. What will Paul's crown show a victory over?

Will you receive a crown?

What will your crown show a victory over?

## **II Timothy 4:9-22**

What is Timothy to make every effort to do?

Where is Timothy?

Where is Paul?

What has Demas done?

Where has Demas gone?

Why?

Where has Crescens gone?

Where has Titus gone?

Who is the only person with Paul?

Who is Timothy told to pick up and bring with him to Paul?

Why does Paul want Mark to come to him?

Why did Tychicus go to Ephesus?

Who else is in Ephesus?

What else is Timothy to bring with him when he comes to Paul?

1.

2.

3.

Where are Paul's cloak, books and parchments now?

Why does Carpus have them?

What did Alexander the coppersmith do to Paul?

What will God do to Alexander the coppersmith?

What is Timothy to do concerning Alexander the coppersmith?

Why?

What happened at Paul's first defense?

1.

2.

What does Paul pray for?

What did the Lord do at Paul's first defense?

1.

2.

Why?

1.

2.

After Paul fully proclaimed the gospel to the Gentiles at his first defense, what did the Lord do for him?

What else will the Lord rescue Paul from?

Where did the Lord take Paul?

What belongs to the Lord?

Who is Timothy to greet?

1.

2.

3.

Where did Erastus remain?

Why did Paul leave Trophimus at Miletus?

What does Paul urge Timothy to do?

What deadline does he give him?

Who greets Timothy through Paul?

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Who will be with Timothy's spirit?

What blessing does Paul ask God to give Timothy?