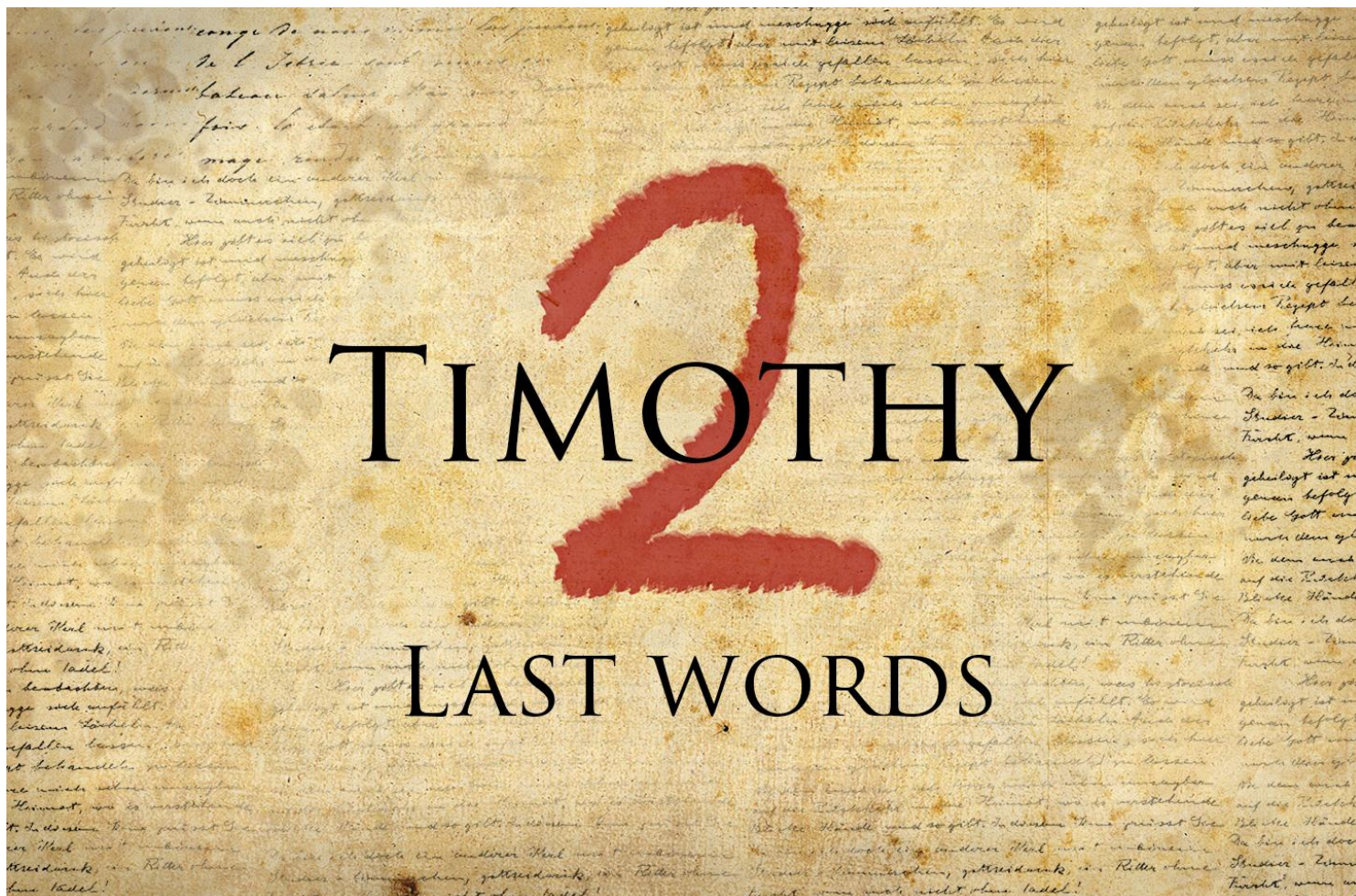




4 studies from Paul's Second Epistle to Timothy

Please Note the following:

1. It is not necessary to answer the Bible Study Questions before meeting together for the Bible Study. Some people like to prepare beforehand whereas others like to think through the Bible Passages in a group setting. It is also not compulsory to answer ALL the questions.
2. It is not necessary to look up all the Bible cross references listed in a particular question; your Growth Group Leader will summarize these Bible cross references for you. Note: this study uses the **NIV Bible version**.
3. Just a reminder that sometimes in our Growth Groups, people feel comfortable sharing very personal and sensitive things about their lives. This information **MUST BE CONFIDENTIAL and NEVER LEAVE THE GROUP**

Introduction

The Apostle Paul writes to his protégé Timothy and imparts encouragement and instruction for faithful ministry.

Date written: AD 67. Written shortly before Paul's martyrdom, during Paul's second imprisonment in Rome.

2 Timothy was originally intended for Timothy, a young pastor, serving in the Church at Ephesus. Paul's guidance specifically addresses the challenges Timothy faced in leadership, making the teachings relevant for all church leaders today.

Paul: The author shares his experiences and wisdom to encourage Timothy, emphasizing faithfulness in ministry despite hardships.

Timothy: A young pastor in Ephesus and Paul's mentee, receives guidance and encouragement from Paul, which strengthens his resolve to continue in leadership.

Onesiphorus: A loyal companion who refreshes Paul during his imprisonment, demonstrating the value of support and friendship in ministry.

Summary

In 2 Timothy chapters 1-2, Paul encourages Timothy to be bold in his faith, reminding him of the gift of the Holy Spirit and the importance of endurance. These chapters set the tone for encouragement and empowerment in Timothy's ministry.

In 2 Timothy chapters 3-4, Paul warns against false teachers and provides guidance on how to conduct ministry, concluding with personal reflections and final exhortations. This section highlights the need for vigilance in preserving sound doctrine and integrity.

Notable sections: The letter includes both personal encouragement and theological instruction, blending elements of exhortation and teaching. The mix of personal and doctrinal content makes it a heartfelt and practical guide for ministry.

Key Themes

Faithfulness in Ministry – Paul urges Timothy to remain steadfast in his calling, reflecting the Bible’s overarching message of commitment to God’s work. This theme encourages believers to prioritize their relationship with God and their responsibility in ministry.

Endurance through Suffering – The letter encourages believers to face hardships with courage, mirroring the struggles faced by early Christians and Jesus himself. The theme reassures believers that they are not alone in their suffering and that perseverance leads to greater faith.

The Importance of Scripture – Paul highlights the necessity of Scripture for teaching and training, emphasizing the Bible’s role in guiding believers throughout history. The theme underscores the relevance of Scripture for all generations in nurturing faith and moral living.

Symbolism and Imagery		
The Soldier	The Athlete	The Farmer
Paul uses the metaphor of a soldier to illustrate the need for discipline and dedication in serving Christ. This imagery reflects the call for believers to focus on their mission without distraction.	Paul likens the Christian life to that of an athlete, emphasizing the necessity of following the rules to achieve victory. This symbolizes the importance of perseverance and commitment in the faith journey.	The farmer metaphor represents the patience required in ministry and the hope of an eternal harvest. This symbolizes the diligent effort needed in nurturing spiritual growth.

Practical Application

Endurance in Trials – Believers are encouraged to face challenges with faith and perseverance, knowing that their struggles have purpose.

Value of Scripture – The teachings emphasize the importance of regular engagement with Scripture for spiritual growth and guidance in life decisions.

Mentorship – The relationship between Paul and Timothy serves as a reminder of the importance of mentoring relationships in personal and spiritual development.

Study 1 – Do Not Be Ashamed!

2 Timothy 1:1-18

(Sermon on 18th Oct 2026)

Read 2 Timothy 1:1-2

1. How does Paul describe his apostleship? How is Paul an apostle?
2. How does Paul greet Timothy?

Read 2 Timothy 1:3-5

3. What is Paul thankful for, and what is he reminded of when he thinks about Timothy? What does he continually remember Timothy for in his prayer?
4. **Ponder:** How important can parents and grandparents be in helping a young person develop genuine faith in Christ? What can they do to encourage that faith?

Read 2 Timothy 1:6-14

5. What does Paul remind Timothy of in verse 6 and what does Paul mean by the expression ***“fan into flame the gift of God”***? What does this suggest about Timothy's responsibility to use the gift God has given him?

6. What does verse 7 teach us about the Spirit God has given us? What three qualities does Paul contrast with timidity?
7. What is Timothy not to be ashamed of and what does Paul call him to do, in verse 8?
8. **Ponder:** What does the Bible mean when it speaks about suffering for the gospel? Why might following Christ involve suffering or opposition?
9. What has God done for us and what does He call us to do, in verse 9?
10. What do verses 9–10 teach us about God's grace and his plan of salvation? When was this grace given to us, and when was it revealed?
11. What has Paul been appointed to do with the Gospel? (v11)
12. Although Paul is suffering, why is he not ashamed? What does he say he is convinced? (v12)

13. What does Paul call Timothy to do in verses 13 & 14? What is the “**good deposit**” Timothy has been entrusted with, and how is he to guard it?

Read 2 Timothy 1:15-18

14. What sad report of disloyalty/unfaithfulness does Paul reveal in verse 15?
15. What example of loyalty and faithfulness does Paul give in verses 16 to 18? What did Onesiphorus do for Paul?

16. How do the following passages relate to **2 Timothy 1**?

Deuteronomy 31:1-8

Joshua 1:6-9

Psalms 78:4-7

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Daniel 3:1-18

What's the **BIG IDEA** of 2 Timothy 1?



What light globe moment did you have?

What **questions** do you have about the passages in this study?

Share the verse that had a special meaning to you in this study?

Finish in prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for the gracious gift of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. Help us through your Spirit, to fan the flame of your gracious gift; help us to not be timid as we face opposition and suffering; but to embrace power, love, and self-discipline from your Spirit. Help us not to be ashamed to give a testimony about our faith in our Lord and Saviour. And please help us to guard the good deposit of the Gospel entrusted to us and share the Good News with others. In Jesus Name. Amen.

Study 2 – Useful to the Master

2 Timothy 2:1-26

(Sermon on 25th Oct 2026)

Read 2 Timothy 2:1-13

1. What does it mean for Timothy to be “***strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus***”? (v1) How can we be “***strong in grace***”? (cf. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10; Philippians 4:13)

2. What is the principle described in verse 2 and why is this principle so important? What does this verse teach about our responsibility?

3. What analogy does Paul use for the Christian life in verses 3 & 4? What does Paul want Timothy to learn from this?

4. What analogy does Paul use for the Christian life in verse 5?

5. What analogy does Paul use for the Christian life in verse 6?

6. Why does Paul tell Timothy to “***reflect on what I am saying***”? (v7) What does Paul promise Timothy?

7. What does Paul tell Timothy to remember about Jesus in verse 8? Why do you think this is important?

8. What does Paul mean when he says that although he is “***chained like a criminal,***” “***God’s word is not chained***”?

9. How does Paul describe his suffering and what is the purpose of this suffering? (vv9-10)

10. What does the “***trustworthy saying***” in verses 11–13 teach us about our relationship with Christ?

Read 2 Timothy 2:14-26

11. Verse 14 begins “***keep reminding God’s people of these things***”. What are “these things”?

12. What warning is there in verse 14? Why?

13. What kind of worker does Paul want Timothy to be? What does he tell Timothy to do, and what does he tell him to avoid?
14. What effect does false teaching have, and how seriously does Paul regard it? (v17)
15. What false teaching were Hymenaeus and Philetus promoting? What had happened to their faith? (vv17-18)
16. What foundational statements are given in verse 19?
17. What example does Paul give in verses 20 & 21? What's his point?
18. Make a list of what Timothy is told to flee from and pursue in verse 22. Who is he to pursue these things with?

19. How are the Lord's opponents to be instructed? What is the purpose of this approach? (vv25-26)

20. How do the following passages relate to **2 Timothy 2**?

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

2 Kings 2:1-15

Joshua 1:6-9

Nehemiah 4:7-23

Psalms 119:9-16

What's the ***BIG IDEA*** of **2 Timothy 2**?



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What **questions** do you have about the passages in this study?

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Finish in prayer: Heavenly Father, please enable and equip us to be useful to our Master, our Lord Jesus. Help us to be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. Help us to pass on the Good News of Jesus to reliable people who are qualified to teach others. Help us to serve Jesus faithfully like good soldiers; help us to compete according to the rules like successful athletes; and help us to be as diligent as hardworking farmers. Father, help us to flee evil desires and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace. In Jesus Name. Amen.

Study 3 – Standing Firm in the Last Days

2 Timothy 3:1-17

(Sermon on 1st Nov 2026)

Read 2 Timothy 3:1-9

1. What will the “*last days*” be like? And when are “*the last days*”? (v1)
2. What will people be like in the last days? (vv2-5). What is Timothy to do with such people?
3. What do these kinds of people do? (vv6-7)
4. How are these teachers described? Who are they compared to? What will ultimately happen to these false teachers? (vv8-9)

Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17

5. What aspects of Paul's life and ministry does Timothy know? (vv10-11)
6. What certainty does Paul spell out for Christians in verse 12?

7. What certainty does Paul spell out for evildoers and imposters in verse 13?
8. What is Timothy to continue in, in verse 14?
9. From whom did Timothy learn the Scriptures and the truth about God? (vv14-15)
(cf. 2 Timothy 1:5)
10. What are the Holy Scriptures able to do? (v15) How is that possible?
11. How does Paul describe Scripture in verse 16?
12. What is Scripture useful for, and what is the result? (vv16-17)

13. How do the following passages relate to **2 Timothy 3**?

Genesis 6:5-8

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Psalm 1:1-6

Psalm 19:7-11

Psalm 119:9-16

Psalm 119:97-105

Isaiah 55:8-11

Daniel 6:10-23

What's the **BIG IDEA** of 2 Timothy 3?



What light globe moment did you have?

What **questions** do you have about the passages in this study?

Share the verse that had a special meaning to you in this study?

Finish in prayer: Heavenly Father, help us to stand firm in our faith in our Lord Jesus as we live in these last days. Thank you for the Holy Scriptures, which is your Holy Word breathed out to us; and is able to make us wise in how to be saved for Heaven by Jesus. Thank you that your Holy Word is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that, as your servants, we can be thoroughly equipped to serve you. Help us to read, study, meditate and apply God's Word to our lives. In Jesus Name, we pray. Amen.

Study 4 – The Final Charge

2 Timothy 4:1-22

(Sermon on 8th Nov 2026)

Read 2 Timothy 4:1-8

1. On what basis does Paul give the charge to Timothy? (v1)
2. What is the actual charge given? (v2)
3. What opposition will Timothy face, and why will people turn away from the truth? (vv3–4)
4. In contrast to these people, what is Timothy to do? (v5)
5. How does Paul describe his current situation, his approaching death, and the future he looks forward to? (vv6-8).
6. What **three** statements does Paul make about his Christian life in verse 7? What do they teach us about finishing well?

7. **Ponder:** What encouragement is there for you in Paul's words in vv6-8? What does his example teach us about finishing the Christian life well?

Read 2 Timothy 4:9-18

8. Why does Paul urgently want Timothy to come to him? What does verse 10 reveals about Paul's situation?
9. Who is currently with Paul and why does he want Mark to join him? (v11)
10. What does Paul say about Tychicus? Where is he sending him? Why might Tychius have been sent to Ephesus? (v12)
11. What is Timothy to bring with him? (v13) Why are these things significant to Paul?
12. What details and warnings do Paul give about Alexander? How does Paul say he responded to him? (vv14-15)

13. How does Paul describe his first defense in court? Who helped him and what was the outcome? (vv16-17)
14. What assurance does Paul have in verse 18? Can Christians today have the same assurance? Why or why not?

Read 2 Timothy 4:19-22

15. Who does Paul greet in verse 19? Find where these people were mentioned before in the Bible?
16. What request does Paul give in verse 21? Why might Timothy's arrival before winter have been important?
17. Who else sends their greetings to Timothy? (v21) Why would that be encouraging for Timothy?
18. Why is it significant that Paul ends the letter with the words, "***The Lord be with your spirit. And grace be with you all***"? (v22)

19. How do the following passages relate to **2 Timothy 4**?

Deuteronomy 31:1-8

Joshua 1:1-9

Psalm 71:17-18

Psalm 78:4-7

Daniel 6:10-23

What's the ***BIG IDEA*** of **2 Timothy 4**?



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Share the verse that had a special meaning to you in this study?

Finish in prayer: Heavenly Father, help us to be people who can share the Gospel in season and out of season. Please enable and equip us to keep our head in all situations, enduring hardships and doing the work of an evangelist. Help us to join the Apostle Paul and fight the good fight; finish the race; keep the faith; so that we will indeed receive the crown of righteousness that the Lord has in store for us. In His Name, we pray. Amen.