

2 Timothy: A Priceless Theological Education

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2 Timothy 1:1 – *Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus.*

- God's _____
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Paul lived and served with a thankful spirit. God's people made a difference in his life and ministry. Whom are you thankful for? Paul said what needed to be said. He didn't tickle people's ears. Paul labored to please the Lord and disciple God's people.

2 Timothy 1:3 – *I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.*

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The Bible is filled with lesser-known names. What do you know about Onesiphorus? I love his ministry and kingdom investment. If God calls you to this type of ministry, _____.

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Paul said Onesiphorus encouraged him, wasn't ashamed of his chains, searched for him, found him in Rome, and served well in Ephesus. Can you name one person who refreshes you?

What should the church be focused on? Why are many churches declining and dying? Why are many church members casual and absent? Why is there a shortage of pastors and ministry leaders?

2 Timothy 2:1-2 – *You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.*

Every hill in ministry isn't worth dying on. Worship is more than a music style. God calls His people to worship Him by living surrendered, godly, and accurate. Are you living out 2 Timothy 2:15?

2 Timothy 2:15-16 – *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness.*

Paul challenged Timothy. He held his young son in the faith to high standards. Who's challenging you to give the Lord your best, live different from the world, and serve the Lord with purpose?

2 Timothy 2:22-26 – *So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.*

A reading of 2 Timothy requires God's servant to ask specific questions.

1. Are you living in the _____ (2 Timothy 3:1)?
2. Are you ready for _____ (2 Timothy 3:12)?
3. Do you _____ in the authority, power, and necessity of God's Word (2 Timothy 3:16)?
4. What's necessary to make _____ (2 Timothy 4:1)?

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As Paul testified, you need to commit to finish life (and ministry) well. How do you finish well?

- Serve _____
- Speak _____
- Remain _____
- Glorify _____
- Proclaim _____

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- God's **Word**
- God's **People**
- God's **Peace**

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- **Pray**
- **Remember**
- **See**
- **Instruct**
- **Challenge**

The Bible is filled with lesser-known names. What do you know about Onesiphorus? I love his ministry and kingdom investment. If God calls you to this type of ministry, **obey Him**.

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3. Do you **believe** in the authority, power, and necessity of God's Word (2 Timothy 3:16)?
4. What's necessary to make **disciples** (2 Timothy 4:1)?

- **Convictions**
- **Relationships**
- **Truth**
- **Awareness**
- **Expectations**

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- Serve **well**
- Speak **truth**
- Remain **teachable**
- Glorify **Jesus**
- Proclaim **grace**