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A Practical Study of 2 TIMOTHY: 12 Steps to a Fantastic Finish

“The Fine Art of Finishing Well”

PART I – Steps 1-6

2 Timothy 1:1-2:19

Key verse 2:15 — *“Make every effort to present yourself to God, approved, as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, guiding the word of truth along a straight path.”*

STEP NUMBER ONE – INTEGRITY: GETTING IT ALL TOGETHER – 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-7

KEY VERSE 1:5

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- v. 1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God according to the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus.
- v. 2 To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, (and) peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
- v. 3 I am feeling grateful to God, whom I am serving with a pure conscience, the way my forefathers did, as unceasingly I am having you on my mind in my prayers night and day.
- v. 4 Greatly longing to see you, when I recall to mind your tears, in order that I may be filled with joy.
- v. 5 Having been reminded of the genuine faith which is in you, which lived first in your grandmother Lois, and your mother Eunice, and I have been convinced that (it is) in you as well.
- v. 6 And for this reason I am reminding you to be stirring up the flame of the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.
- v. 7 For God did not give to us a spirit of fearfulness (cowardice) but of power and of love and of self-discipline (good judgment).

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 2 Timothy 1:1-7 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What three things come from “God the Father” in verse 2? What do these words mean?

3. How does Paul serve the Lord, according to verse 3?

4. Why does Paul remember Timothy’s tears when they parted?

5. What kind of faith did Timothy have?

6. Who else in his family had faith like his?

7. What is Timothy asked to do in verse 6?

8. Describe the Spirit that has been given to us in verse 7.

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The apostle Paul is in the center of the will of God, proclaiming “the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus” (verse 1).

LESSON #2: Even though the apostle is facing eminent death, it has not affected God’s “promise of life” (see John 11:25, 26).

LESSON #3: Friendship really matters late in the game.

LESSON #4: Is Jesus Christ really your Lord?

LESSON #5: In the process of preparing to meet the Lord, stay focused on the three A’s: (1) your attitude of gratitude; (2) address all the issues in your life; and (3) appeal to the Lord in prayer.

LESSON #6: Lord, help me to maintain a continual contentedness under Your sovereign hand.

LESSON #7: Lord, I want to be honest and transparent in every area of my life so I can bear witness to the fact that I have a “pure conscience” before You (verse 3).

LESSON #8: Lord, the goal of my life in these remaining years is to be a man of integrity and getting it all together in a “genuine faith” (verse 5).

LESSON #9: Lord, help me to light it up, lay it on, and leave a legacy.

LESSON #10: “Lord, take my lips and speak through them; take my mind and think through it; take my heart and set it on fire.”—W. W. H. Aitken.

LESSON #11: Lord, may the remaining years of my life be marked by the presence of Your Spirit with a holy boldness, with “power,” with self-sacrificial “love,” and “self-discipline” (verse 7).

LESSON #12: Do you know what your spiritual gift is?

LESSON #13: Is the Spirit’s “power,” “love,” and “self-discipline” evident in your life? (verse 7).

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

**STEP NUMBER TWO – CONVICTION: HERE I STAND, GOD HELP ME
– 2 TIMOTHY 1:8-12**

KEY VERSE 1:8

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v. 8 Therefore, do not be ashamed of the testimony borne by our Lord, nor of me His prisoner; but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God;

v. 9 The one who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time.

v. 10 But now has been made known through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who on the one hand broke the power of death and on the other brought to light, life and immortality through the gospel.

v. 11 For which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher.

v. 12 For this reason, I am also suffering these things, But I am not ashamed, for I am knowing whom I have believed and I have been convinced that He is able to guard that which has been entrusted to Him until that day.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 2 Timothy 1:8-12 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What two things does Paul ask Timothy not to be ashamed of in verse 8?

3. What else does he ask him to do in verse 8?

4. What two things has God done for us in verse 9?

5. What has Christ done for us in verse 10?

6. Can you describe Paul's work in verse 11?

7. Is Paul ashamed of the fact that he is suffering? If not, why not?

8. What day do you think Paul is referring to in verse 12?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Do you consider yourself to be a person of strong convictions?

LESSON #2: When the culture questions your convictions, can you with Martin Luther say: "Here I stand, God help me"?

LESSON #3: Are you able to boldly proclaim Christ when the opportunity presents itself for witness?

LESSON #4: When is the last time you shared your faith with someone?

LESSON #5: Suffering is a part of the divine curriculum to make us more Christlike.

LESSON #6: When we are suffering, we can trust His sovereignty and His strength to be made perfect in our weakness.

LESSON #7: Lord, help me to maintain a continual contentedness under Your sovereign hand.

LESSON #8: Are you making progress in a life of holiness?

LESSON #9: "If you are to be saved, it must be an act of sovereign grace" (Spurgeon).

LESSON #10: Can you face death with confidence?

LESSON #11: Can you say "I am knowing whom I have believed" (verse 12)?

LESSON #12: Are you investing faithfully in light of the judgment seat of Christ?

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STEP NUMBER THREE – COURAGE: I AM WILLING TO PAY THE PRICE **– 2 TIMOTHY 1:13-18**

KEY VERSE 1:13

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v. 13 Be holding fast the standard of sound words which you heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

v. 14 Guard the precious deposit which has been entrusted to you through the Holy Spirit who is dwelling in us.

v. 15 You are knowing this, that all who are in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.

v. 16 May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chain.

v. 17 But when he was in Rome, he eagerly searched for me and found me.

v. 18 May the Lord grant to him to find mercy from the Lord on that day. And what services he rendered in Ephesus you are knowing very well.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 2 Timothy 1:13-18 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What is Timothy asked to do in verse 13?

3. Who is going to help Timothy in verse 14?

4. What did the people in Asia do to Paul in verse 15?

5. What did Onesiphorus do in verse 16?

6. What did Onesiphorus do in verse 17?

7. What is Paul's wish for Onesiphorus in verse 18?

8. In what other city did Onesiphorus minister?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Are your convictions strong enough that you will manifest the courage that it takes to stand against a contemporary culture?

LESSON #2: Have you built your Christian profession upon the Solid Rock so that when the storms assail it, you will be seen as holding fast?

LESSON #3: Can you say with the apostle: “according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I shall not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, Christ shall even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death” (Phil. 1:20)?

LESSON #4: Are you guarding the “precious deposit [of the gospel] which has been entrusted to you through the Holy Spirit” (verse 14)?

LESSON #5: Is the Holy Spirit carrying out His function in your life in guiding you into all truth?

LESSON #6: Have you lost your courage to stand for the Lord in the arena of conflict?

LESSON #7: It is good to remember that quitters will never be able to say: “I fought, I finished, and I kept the faith.”

LESSON #8: Is your witness for Christ like that of Phygellus and Hermogenes or that of Onesiphorus?

LESSON #9: Would other believers in the body of Christ characterize you as a compassionate, caring person who is constructively involved in serving them and meeting their needs?

LESSON #10: It is good to remember that little acts of unselfish service do not go unnoticed by the Lord.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STEP NUMBER FOUR – LEGACY: WHAT AM I PASSING ON? – 2 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

KEY VERSE 2:2

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v. 1 You therefore, my son, be strong by means of the grace which is in Christ Jesus.

v. 2 And the things you heard from me, in the presence of many witnesses, these things entrust to faithful men, who will be qualified to teach others also.

v. 3 Suffer hardships with me as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

v. 4 No one engaging in military service is allowing himself to become entangled in civilian pursuits in order that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.

v. 5 And if a person is competing in the athletic games, he is not being crowned as the winner unless he competed according to the rules.

v. 6 The hard-working farmer must be the first to receive his share of the crops.

v. 7 Think over what I am saying, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 2 Timothy 2:1-7 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. How is Timothy to be strengthened, according to verse 1?

3. What is Timothy to do with the message he has heard, according to verse 2?

4. What do “good soldiers of Christ Jesus” do in verse 3?

5. What do we have to be careful of in verse 4?

6. Who are we trying to please in verse 4?

7. How must we compete in verse 5, if we are going to win?

8. What illustration does Paul use in verse 6?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: We can get through anything and everything if we are sustained by the strength of His grace.

LESSON #2: We cannot be victorious by ourselves. We must be dependant upon Him.

LESSON #3: His strength is there for us in the time of test, trial, and temptation. We will be victorious if we avail ourselves of this resource.

LESSON #4: What are you doing in your legacy to pass on the great message of the Gospel to the next generation?

LESSON #5: How about making it a goal to become a faithful man or woman “who will be qualified to teach others also”? (verse 2).

LESSON #6: Are you prepared to be obedient to Paul’s command to Timothy in verse 3: “Suffer hardships with me as a good soldier of Christ Jesus”?

LESSON #7: Are you entangled in “civilian pursuits” that keep you from being a soldier who is pleasing the Lord? (verse 4).

LESSON #8: Can you say that you want written on your tombstone: forgiven, faithful, fruitful, finisher?

LESSON #9: Are you sowing seeds on a daily basis in anticipation of a rich harvest?

LESSON #10: Lord, make me a soldier that is not distracted, an athlete who is running by the rules, and a farmer who is enjoying eating the fruit of his labor.

LESSON #11: Hard work, discipline, submission, and goals are part and parcel to the normal Christian life.

LESSON #12: The legacy will come to the soldier with a single focus of pleasing the Lord, to the athlete who is obedient, and to the farmer who prepares and plans.

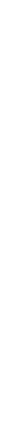
ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STEP NUMBER FIVE – PERSEVERANCE: IN SINGLE-MINDED STEADFASTNESS
I WILL STAY THE COURSE – 2 TIMOTHY 2:8-13

KEY VERSE 2:10

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v. 8 Be keeping in mind Jesus Christ, who has been raised from the dead, descendant of David, according to my gospel.
v. 9 In which sphere of action I am suffering hardship even to the point of imprisonment as a criminal, but the word of God has not been bound.
v. 10 Because of this I am enduring all things for the sake of those who are chosen, in order that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.
v. 11 Trustworthy is the word: For if we died together with Him, We shall also live together with Him.
v. 12 If we are persevering, we shall also reign with Him; If we shall deny Him, He also will deny us.
v. 13 If we are unfaithful, He is remaining faithful for He is not able to deny Himself.



QUESTIONS:

1. Read 2 Timothy 2:8-13 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What is Timothy asked to do in verse 8?

3. What is said about the Word of God in verse 9?

4. Why is Paul enduring all the things that he is enduring, according to verse 10?

5. What great truth is stated in verse 11?

6. What happens if we endure, according to verse 12?

7. What happens if we deny Him, according to verse 12?

8. What happens if we are unfaithful, according to verse 13?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Is Jesus Christ at the center of your thoughts and actions?

LESSON #2: Is the focus of your life on Christ?

LESSON #3: Jesus Christ is a living Savior who is alive, available, active, and aware of what is going on in our individual lives.

LESSON #4: Jesus Christ is the “descendant of David,” demonstrating His humanity and His reigning as king (verse 8).

LESSON #5: Is Jesus Christ a living, bright reality to you?

LESSON #6: Do you sense His smile of approval on you?

LESSON #7: Do you have your eyes on the Lord or on your circumstances?

LESSON #8: You can chain the messenger but you cannot chain the message.

LESSON #9: Because God is sovereign, the apostle is “enduring all things” (verse 10).

LESSON #10: Suffering is an integral part of the Father’s program for each of us.

LESSON #11: Salvation is “in Christ Jesus” (verse 10).

LESSON #12: “For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God” (Colossians 3:3).

LESSON #13: “If we are persevering, we shall also reign with Him” (verse 12).

LESSON #14: “If we are unfaithful, He is remaining faithful” (verse 13).

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STEP NUMBER SIX – FOCUSED: THIS ONE THING I DO
– 2 TIMOTHY 2:14-19

KEY VERSE 2:15

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v. 14 These things be reminding them, charging them in the presence of God not to be disputing about words, which results in not even one useful thing, in addition to ruining the ones who are hearing.

v. 15 Make every effort to present yourself to God, approved, as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, guiding the word of truth along a straight path.

v. 16 But be avoiding profane, empty talk; for they will make further progress in ungodliness.

v. 17 And their word will spread as does cancer. Of whom are Hymenaeus and Philetus,

v. 18 who missed the mark concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they are upsetting the faith of some.

v. 19 Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this inscription: “The Lord knows those who are His, and let everyone who is naming the name of the Lord abstain from wickedness.”

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 2 Timothy 2:14-19 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What is Timothy asked to do, according to verse 14?

3. What is the result of disputing over words, according to verse 14?

4. What is Timothy asked to do, according to verse 15?

5. What is Timothy asked to do, according to verse 16?

6. Describe what is taking place in verse 18.

7. What happens to God's "foundation," according to verse 19?

8. What are those who are naming His name supposed to do, according to verse 19?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Do not focus on what was but on what will be.

LESSON #2: "Do not focus on what you do not have, focus on what you do have and be grateful for it" (Joan Lunden).

LESSON #3: "The essence of chastity is not the suppression of lust, but the total orientation of one's life towards a goal" (Dietrich Bonhoeffer).

LESSON #4: Lord, keep me from getting distracted by "disputing about words" (verse 14).

LESSON #5: Have you ever made a presentation of yourself to God with no strings attached, total commitment without reservation?

LESSON #6: In order to make a fantastic finish, it is absolutely necessary to be in the "word of truth" on a daily basis (verse 15).

LESSON #7: It is required that a fantastic finisher is well acquainted with the contents of the Bible before he takes his finals.

LESSON #8: Can you say that you are focused on the “word of truth” and this one thing I do? (verse 15).

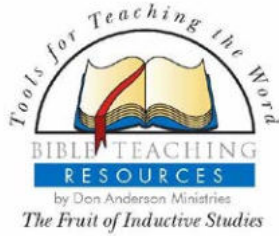
LESSON #9: False teaching progresses toward greater “ungodliness” and “will spread as does cancer” (verses 16 & 17).

LESSON #10: Do you know for sure that you are His and that you are progressively being made more holy?

LESSON #11: Have you deviated from the “truth”? (verse 18).

LESSON #12: “Lord, grant that whatever I may need to lay aside to fulfill Your will may not be seen as a sacrifice, but rather as the pathway to true achievement.”

ADDITIONAL NOTES:



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PART II – Steps 7-12

2 Timothy 2:20-4:22

Key verse 2:15 — *“Make every effort to present yourself to God, approved, as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, guiding the word of truth along a straight path.”*

STEP NUMBER SEVEN – SATANIC SEDUCTION: I AM KEEPING MY EYES ON JESUS – 2 TIMOTHY 2:20-26

KEY VERSE 2:22

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v. 20 Now in a large house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some indeed for honorable use and some for dishonorable use.

v. 21 If therefore, a person cleanse himself from these, he shall be a vessel for honorable use, having been set apart, useful to the master, having been prepared for every good work.

v. 22 Now be fleeing from the passions of youth, but pursuing after righteousness, faith, love, peace in company with those who are calling upon the Lord out of a pure heart.

v. 23 But be avoiding foolish and stupid speculations knowing that they are giving birth to quarrels.

v. 24 Now the servant of the Lord must not be quarrelsome but to be kind toward all, skillful in teaching, bearing evil without resentment.

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v. 25 In gentleness correcting those who are opposing; If perhaps God may grant them repentance resulting in a knowledge of the truth.

v. 26 And they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him, under the spell of his will.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 2 Timothy 2:20-26 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Are you a vessel that is clean and available for the Lord to use?

3. What kind of a “vessel” do you think you are?

4. What must a person do to be “a vessel for honorable use,” according to verse 21?

5. Are you a “vessel for honorable use . . . set apart, useful to the master,” and equipped for “every good work” (verse 21)?

6. What must we “flee” and what must we “pursue,” according to verse 22?

7. How is the “servant of the Lord” to conduct himself in ministry, according to verses 24 & 25?

8. What are some of the “snares” that the devil uses to “hold captive” believers that have fallen into his trap? (verse 26).

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Satan’s plan for your life is for you to live in denial, defense, defeat, and ultimately, destruction.

LESSON #2: Satan is very much aware of your weaknesses and tendencies. He has the home field advantage.

LESSON #3: Is the passion of your heart to be a “vessel for honorable use” (verse 21)?

LESSON #4: Is your “vessel” clean so that God can use you?

LESSON #5: Are you “useful to the master” and “prepared for every good work” (verse 21)?

LESSON #6: Are you “fleeing from the passions of youth” (verse 22)?

LESSON #7: Are you “pursuing after righteousness, faith, love, peace in company with those who are calling upon the Lord out of a pure heart” (verse 22)?

LESSON #8: As far as you know right now, is your heart pure before the Lord?

LESSON #9: Are you “avoiding foolish and stupid speculations” (verse 23)?

LESSON #10: As a “servant of the Lord,” are you “kind toward all, skillful in teaching, bearing evil without resentment, and in gentleness correcting those who are opposing” (verses 24 & 25)?

LESSON #11: Has the Lord used you recently to precipitate “repentance resulting in a knowledge of the truth” (verse 25)?

LESSON #12: Are there those in your circle of friends who have been caught in “the snare of the devil” and do you have a plan for helping them to come to their senses? (verse 26)

LESSON #13: Step #7 for a fantastic finish is recognizing satanic seduction: I am keeping my eyes on Jesus.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STEP NUMBER EIGHT – COUNTER CULTURE: LORD, WHERE YOU LEAD ME I WILL FOLLOW – 2 TIMOTHY 3:1-9

KEY VERSE 3:5

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- v. 1 But be knowing this, that in the last days hard times will set in.
- v. 2 For men will be fond of themselves (selfish), lovers of money, boasters, arrogant, slanderers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy.
- v. 3 Without natural affection, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, not loving the good.
- v. 4 Traitors, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.
- v. 5 While having an outward form of godliness, although they have denied its power; and turn away from such men as these.
- v. 6 For of these are those who are worming their way into houses and captivating silly women having been overwhelmed by their sins, who are being led on by various desires.
- v. 7 Always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- v. 8 Now in the same manner as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also are these opposing the truth, Men depraved in mind, disqualified concerning the faith.
- v. 9 But they will not make further progress, for their folly shall become quite evident to all, as also that of those two came to be.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 2 Timothy 3:1-9 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What does Paul say about the “last days” in verse 1?

3. Make a list of the nineteen characteristics of the “last days” recorded in verses 2-5.

4. Describe what you think Paul means in verse 4 by the phrase: “lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.”

5. What do you think Paul means by the phrase: “having an outward form of godliness, although they have denied its power,” in verse 5?

6. What does Paul mean by the phrase: “Having been overwhelmed by their sins,” in verse 6?

7. What does Paul mean in verse 7 by the phrase: “learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth”?

8. The men who are “opposing the truth” are described in three ways in verse 8, how are they described?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Be constantly keeping this in mind, “that in the last days [cruel and] hard times will set in” (verse 1).

LESSON #2: The “last days” refers to any time from the resurrection of Jesus Christ to His coming again to take us to be with Himself.

LESSON #3: There are nineteen characteristics of those who chose to live life in Satan’s traps (see verses 2-5).

LESSON #4: Love of self and love of “money” are the roots of many of these other ugly characteristics of those who are living a false profession (verse 2).

LESSON #5: They are “lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God” (verse 4).

LESSON #6: They have an “outward form of godliness, although they have denied its power” (verse 5).

LESSON #7: Paul commands Timothy to “turn away from such men as these” (verse 5).

LESSON #8: They are “always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth” (verse 7).

LESSON #9: Are you on track spiritually?

LESSON #10: Are you growing and changing?

LESSON #11: Are you experiencing His power?

LESSON #12: Do you have a hunger for the Word?

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STEP NUMBER NINE – FAITHFUL: MAY HE FIND ME FAITHFUL
– 2 TIMOTHY 3:10-17

KEY VERSE 3:14

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v. 10 But you followed faithfully my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, steadfastness, love, perseverance,

v. 11 Persecutions, sufferings, such as came to me in Antioch, in Iconium, in Lystra, what manner of persecutions I endured; and out of them all the Lord delivered me.

v. 12 And indeed all those who are desiring to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

v. 13 But evil men and imposters will go on from bad to worse, leading astray and being led astray.

v. 14 But you be remaining in the things which you learned and became convinced of, knowing from whom you learned them.

v. 15 And that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to make you wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

v. 16 Every Scripture is God-breathed and beneficial for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for training in righteousness,

v. 17 in order that the man of God may be adequate, having been equipped for every good work.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What nine ways has Timothy been faithful to follow the apostle, according to verses 10 & 11?

3. What has the Lord done for the apostle, according to verse 11?

4. How will those who are “desiring to live godly in Christ Jesus” be treated, according to verse 12?

5. What does Paul say about “evil men and imposters,” in verse 13?

6. What is Paul commanded to do in verse 14?

7. What are the scriptures able to do for us, according to verse 15?

8. In what four ways are the scriptures beneficial to us, according to verse 16?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Step #9 is Faithful: May He Find Me Faithful.

LESSON #2: The world crowns success, but God crowns faithfulness.

LESSON #3: Timothy was faithful to listen to his mentor and follow his model.

LESSON #4: Suffering is part of the godly life.

LESSON #5: The Word of God is our message to the world.

LESSON #6: The Lord has been faithful to deliver Paul out of all his troubles.

LESSON #7: Things keep getting worse and worse for the non-Christian and better and better for the Christian.

LESSON #8: The Word of God teaches us, turns us, tests us, and trains us (verse 16).

LESSON #9: The culture is going down but you stay by the stuff.

LESSON #10: The secret to faithfulness is to stay steadfast in the storm.

LESSON #11: It is never too early to start exposing our children to the Scriptures.

LESSON #12: The Scriptures make us “wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus” (verse 15).

LESSON #13: Scripture is “beneficial for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for training in righteousness” (verse 16).

LESSON #14: Knowledge of the Scriptures prepares us to “be adequate” and to be “equipped for every good work” (verse 17).

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STEP NUMBER TEN – PASSION: PLEASING YOU IS MY RULING PASSION **– 2 TIMOTHY 4:1-8**

KEY VERSE 4:2

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v. 1 I am charging you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, the one who is about to be judging the living and the dead and by His appearing and His kingdom.

v. 2 Preach the word, hold yourself in readiness when it is convenient and when it is inconvenient, reprove, rebuke, exhort with unlimited patience and teaching.

v. 3 For the time will come when they will not listen willingly to wholesome instruction, But after their own desires, they will accumulate to themselves a great many teachers who are tickling their ears.

v. 4 And they will turn away their ears from the truth and will wander off into myths.

v. 5 But you be self-possessed under all circumstances, bear hardship patiently, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

v. 6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.

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v. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course; I have kept the faith.

v. 8 In the future there is reserved for me, the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge will award to me on that day and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 2 Timothy 4:1-8 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What is the Lord about to do, according to verse 1?

3. What is Timothy charged to do, according to verse 2?

4. How is the culture going to respond in the last days to the teaching of the Word, according to verses 3 & 4?

5. Outline what Timothy is supposed to do in this situation, according to verse 5.

6. What does Paul say about his present circumstances, according to verse 6?

7. What three things does Paul say about his ministry, according to verse 7?

8. What does Paul have to look forward to in the future, according to verse 8?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Can you say to the Lord right now, “Lord, pleasing You is my ruling passion”?

LESSON #2: Only passions, great passions, can elevate the soul to great things.

LESSON #3: The runner who puts the last ounce of effort into the race feels the glorious satisfaction of having given everything to the moment.

LESSON #4: Are you carrying out Paul’s five-fold charge to Timothy in your life today? “Preach the word, hold yourself in readiness when it is convenient and when it is inconvenient, reprove, rebuke, exhort with unlimited patience and teaching” (verse 2).

LESSON #5: Are you endeavoring to be obedient to the four things Paul says to Timothy in verse 5? “But you be self-possessed under all circumstances, bear hardship patiently, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”

LESSON #6: In view of your impending departure in death, are you living by the words of the Psalmist in “numbering your days and applying your heart to wisdom”? (Psalm 90:12).

LESSON #7: How concerned are you for the lost and doing “the work of an evangelist”? (verse 5).

LESSON #8: What are you doing presently to reach out and touch the lives of others?

LESSON #9: Are you consistent in your walk with God?

LESSON #10: If you died right now, could you say, “I fought, I finished, I kept”? (verse 7).

LESSON #11: Are you looking forward to His coming?

LESSON #12: Your departure gate and flight time have already been scheduled on the great computers in the sky.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STEP NUMBER ELEVEN – SERVANTHOOD: MAY I HEAR WELL-DONE
– 2 Timothy 4:9-15

KEY VERSE 4:10

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v. 9 Make every effort to come to me soon.
v. 10 For Demas deserted me, having loved this present world, and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia; Titus to Dalmatia.
v. 11 Luke alone is with me. Pick up Mark and be bringing him with you, For he is useful to me for service.
v. 12 But Tychicus I sent to Ephesus.
v. 13 When you are coming, be bringing the cloak which I left at Troas with Carpus, also the books, especially the parchments.
v. 14 Alexander, the coppersmith, did me a great deal of harm; the Lord will pay him back according to his deeds.
v. 15 And you also be guarding yourself against him for he vigorously opposed our words.



QUESTIONS:

1. Read 2 Timothy 4:9-15 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What caused Demas to desert the ministry, according to verse 10?

3. Read 1 John 2:15-17 and describe the world from John’s perspective.

4. How is Mark described in verse 11?

5. Read Mark 10:45 and answer this question: Am I considered by others as a faithful servant?

6. What instructions does Paul give to Timothy in verse 13?

7. What did Alexander the coppersmith do to Paul? What will the Lord do in response?

8. Read Isaiah 54:17 and describe what Paul asks Timothy to do, with regard to Alexander the coppersmith in verse 15.

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Do you have a reputation of being a person who is available at a time of emergency?

LESSON #2: Is the Lord and what He wants the most important thing in your life?

LESSON #3: Isn't it a comfort that the Lord will never leave us nor forsake us?

LESSON #4: Mark teaches us that having made a mistake does not mean that we cannot finish strong in the accomplishment of the Lord's mission for our lives.

LESSON #5: Are you known as a person who is "useful" in the Lord's service? (verse 11).

LESSON #6: Do you often drop everything and answer urgent requests?

LESSON #7: The choice is dedicate or desert.

LESSON #8: What are the things you would ask for if you knew you did not have long to live?

LESSON #9: Are you careful and concerned about your relationships with others?

LESSON #10: One of the greatest things you can do to help you with the problem of loneliness is to make lots of good friends.

LESSON #11: Are there some people who have done you a "great deal of harm" and you need to let go and let the Lord take care of that situation? (verse 14).

LESSON #12: There will never come a time in your life when you are allowed to cease to serve.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STEP NUMBER TWELVE – FINISHER: YOU FOUGHT AND YOU FINISHED
– 2 TIMOTHY 4:16-22

KEY VERSE 4:18

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v. 16 At my first defense no one stood with me, but all deserted me; may it not be counted against them.

v. 17 But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, in order that through me the proclamation might be fully proclaimed and that all the Gentiles might hear; and I was delivered out of the Lion's mouth.

v. 18 The Lord will deliver me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom; to Him be the glory forever and ever, Amen.

v. 19 Greet Prisca and Aquila and the household of Onesiphorus.

v. 20 Erastus remained in Corinth, but Trophimus, being ill, I left behind in Miletus.

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v. 21 Make every effort to come before winter. Eubulus and Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brethren are sending greetings to you.

v. 22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 2 Timothy 24:16-22 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. How does Paul characterize his court appearance in verse 16?

3. What did the Lord do for Paul, according to verse 17?

4. What was Paul's number one priority and concern, according to verse 17?

5. What two things will the Lord do for the apostle, according to verse 18?

6. What three people does Paul want Timothy to "greet," according to verse 19?

7. What happened to Trophimus, according to verse 20?

8. What does Paul ask Timothy to do, according to verse 21?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The Lord delights in those who finish well.

LESSON #2: Failure to prepare is preparation for failure.

LESSON #3: Are you prepared in your heart to stand alone if it is necessary?

LESSON #4: Are you free with your forgiveness for those who fail you?

LESSON #5: We can always count on the Lord being with us in every situation of life.

LESSON #6: You can always count on the Lord's presence and power.

LESSON #7: He will always be there to deliver His own, whether in life or in death.

LESSON #8: Paul is praising the Lord in the prison, he is singing in the storm.

LESSON #9: When we know God stands with us, it does not matter who stands against us.

LESSON #10: It is good for us to be concerned that when it comes our time to die, we will be triumphant and victorious witnesses for our Lord and Savior.

LESSON #11: God is available to meet our needs through the people who are around us.

LESSON #12: It is good for us to make preparations to have a message as part of our legacy that lives on after we are gone.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:
