
2 TIMOTHY - KEY VERSES

2 TIMOTHY 1: 7 "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

2 TIMOTHY 1:12 "Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day."

2 TIMOTHY 2:3 "Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus."

2 TIMOTHY 2:15 "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."

2 TIMOTHY 2:16 "Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly."

2 TIMOTHY 2:22 "Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart."

2 TIMOTHY 3:12 "In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted"

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

2 TIMOTHY 4:7 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

2 TIMOTHY 4:18 "The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom."

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MESSAGE MINISTRIES - RADICAL CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP MANUAL

SESSION #6

LIVING BY FAITH

In this session we're going to talk about
WHAT IT MEANS TO LIVE and WALK BY FAITH.

If the bible teaches that the righteous shall live by faith and I want to be one of God's righteous ones. Then it is necessary for me to examine myself to see if I am one of the faithful ones who lives by faith.

LIVING BY FAITH

This session we are going to talk about what it means to LIVE BY FAITH. The first question I must ask myself is: "Am I living by Faith?". Are you living by faith? The bible says:

Galations 2:20 "I live by faith in the Son of God"

Galations 3:11 "The righteous will live by faith."

2 Corinthians 5:7 "We live by faith, not by sight."

Hebrews 10:38 "But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him."

1 Timothy 4:12 "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."

**Galations 3:11 implies that, if I am going to be righteous I must live by faith.
This word righteous can also be translated as holy or just.**

But what does it really mean to live by faith?

Does it mean I live with what some call a "blind faith"?

Does it mean I throw my mind away and live blindly "trusting God" in a reckless way?

Does it mean I don't put any effort into making decisions about my life?

Of course not. **Living by faith means:**

1) **I TRUST GOD IN ALL SITUATIONS** according to *Romans 8:28* "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him"

Some people say they are living by faith but don't work and are trusting God to meet their needs. That is not faith that is laziness.

2) **I BELIEVE GOD IN ALL SITUATIONS** according to *Phillipians 4:19* "And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

This means that if I am seeking first His Kingdom God will supply all my needs. Remember every promise has a condition to it. If I am not seeking first the Kingdom of God according to Matthew 6:33 then I am living by my own rules. In that case, God is not obligated to fulfil His promise to me if I have not met the conditions of that promise. He may by His grace choose to fulfil it anyway because of His love for us. But it is time we learn to live in a covenant relationship with God.

LIVING BY FAITH (continued)

3) **I PRAISE GOD IN ALL SITUATIONS** according to Phil. 4:8 "if there be any praise, think on these things." Living by faith I can praise God in all situations because I can see God in all situations. I know He is there because He says "I will never leave you or forsake you". I instinctively know that His faithfulness to me will never waiver. I know that He is my Father and will complete the good work He has begun in me.

4) **I YIELD TO GODS WAYS AND WILL IN EVERY SITUATION** according to Jesus words in Luke 22:42 "Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done."

As I grow closer to Him I don't try to change things to suit my plans and purposes but rather, I yield to God in such a way that He can bring about His will in my life. I know that God's plans for me are best so I just say God "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." as it says in the Lords Prayer in Matthew 6:10.

Remember that LIVING BY FAITH is not pushing doors open through my manipulation of a situation. But rather, me praying doors open by yielding to Gods will in every situation. He knows what is best for every one of us! If we come to God with a stubborn, resistant heart demanding our way. God may just give into us and we will receive the error of our ways. Some prayers, the ones we prayer out of selfishness are better off left unanswered.

Here is a good sample prayer: "God I give my life to you. I give you my spirit, my soul and my body. I give you all my talents and abilities, I give you all my money and possessions, I give you my hopes, my dreams and my plans. I give you my past, my present and my future. I only want your will in my life. I surrender myself to you at this moment and pray that you will teach me how to walk with you and to live by faith. If I pray a prayer that is opposite to your will for me please don't answer that prayer. I want your ways and not mine and I realize that sometimes I cannot tell the difference between the two. So take me by the hand and lead me on. I have counted the cost, and my decision has been made. I shall live by faith because you are what matters most to me. You and your ways are more important to me than anything. Jesus be the Lord, my Saviour, my Ruler, my King, my God and the supreme commander of my life. In Jesus name. Amen."

THE BOOK OF 2 TIMOTHY

Read the materials provided on the book of 2 Timothy, including:

1) *The Introduction of the Book*

2) *The Outline of the Book*

3) *Now read the Book of 2 Timothy*

* note: as you read the book make notes on what the Lord is showing you as you read through. I'm not looking for a mental synopsis of the book or a "book report" but more of what the Lord is showing you. You may read some parts and nothing may "stick out" to you. You might want to underline verses that really "stick out". Generally when this happens it is because the Holy Spirit is trying to teach us something.

4) *Pick out the verse that you feel the Lord wants you to hide in your heart from 2 Timothy.* Write that verse on an index card and carry it around with you until you have it memorized and "hidden in your heart". You will use this verse over and over in your life.

5) *Answer the questions provided with the study materials of 2 Timothy.*

NOTE: You may want to work with your Fire Check partner on #5

OUTLINE OF 2 TIMOTHY

I. Introduction (1:1-2)

II. Thanksgiving (1:3-7)

III. Encouragement to be faithful (1:8-2:13)

A. In the face of hardships (1:8-14)

B. In the face of desertions (1:15-2:13)

IV. Instructions to Timothy (2:14-4:5)

A. On being a faithful servant (2:14-26)

B. On apostasy in the Church (3:1-4:5)

V. Paul's testimony (4:6-8)

VI. Conclusion (4:9-22)

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND OF 2 TIMOTHY

When Paul wrote the letter we call 2 Timothy, he was an old man in a Roman prison. This man who had been Christ's greatest missionary for thirty years was now chained to a Roman guard at all times and awaited a death sentence from the emperor.

Timothy may have been in Ephesus, but in whatever city, he was carrying on the ministry Paul had begun but could not continue. Timothy had been working with Paul for over fifteen years, but now the apostle was departing for good. This charge Timothy received is the last of Paul's writings that remains to us.

TRAVELS

Timothy accompanied Paul through Asia to Macedonia and Achaia (Acts 16:6-19:21), surviving riots, prison, and a criminal trial. During six years of traveling, Timothy learned enough to be trusted with a delicate mission to Corinth, where factions and immorality were splitting the church (1 Corinthians 4:17).

Paul rejoined Timothy in Macedonia and traveled to Jerusalem, where Paul was arrested. As a Roman citizen, he appealed for a trial before the emperor, probably hoping to have Christianity officially declared a legal religion.[6] At this point, Timothy ceases to appear in the book of Acts; he may have gone on to strengthen the churches Paul's group had founded. When Paul wrote 1 Timothy, the young man was in Ephesus (1 Timothy 1:3).

FINAL DAYS

Paul was probably released from his first imprisonment in Rome in 62 AD but was rearrested sometime later, perhaps in 65. He wrote 2 Timothy during this second imprisonment. Formerly he had been treated as a political prisoner, but now he was treated as a criminal. This time he was not simply restricted to a private house but locked in a dungeon and chained to a wall or a soldier.

Emperor Nero had his reasons for this change. Back in 60-62 AD when Paul was in Rome the first time, the Empire had been running well and Nero had been popular, for he had been leaving affairs of government to some gifted advisors. But between 62 and 65 Nero had replaced his competent servants and had begun to plunder the Empire to pay for his pleasures. The provinces--especially Judah--were groaning under his taxes, the economy

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND OF 2 TIMOTHY (cont.)

was slumping, and Nero was in trouble with the Roman Senate for his murdering, licentious lifestyle. When a fire broke out in Rome in 64, Nero was suspected of arson. He found a scapegoat in an unpopular religious sect; Christians in the city were rounded up and thrown to animals--officially to pay for setting the fire but really to satisfy Nero's blood lust. The Roman people soon grew disgusted at this persecution, but it was unsafe to be a Christian in Rome as long as Nero lived, for he continued to need scapegoats for his crimes.

Thus, when Paul was rearrested, he became another pawn in Nero's game to survive politically. Paul wrote 2 Timothy from his dungeon cell shortly before he was executed.

QUESTIONS for 2 TIMOTHY

1. What did Paul do night and day? (1:3)
2. Why did Paul long to see Timothy? (1:4)
3. Who were Lois and Eunice, and what did Paul say about them? (1:5)
4. What was Timothy reminded to do? (1:6)
5. What kind of spirit does God give to His people? (1:7)
6. In what way did Timothy need courage? (1:8)
7. Why has God called us to a holy life? (1:9)
8. What did Christ do? (1:10)
9. Of what was Paul appointed a herald, an apostle, and a teacher? (1:11)
10. Why was Paul not ashamed of the gospel? (1:12)

QUESTIONS for 2 TIMOTHY (continued)

11. What did Paul tell Timothy to do with his training? (1:13)
12. What was Timothy to guard? (1:14)
13. Where does the Holy Spirit live? (1:14)
14. Who had deserted Paul? (1:16)
15. What had Onesiphorus done for Paul? (1:16-17)
16. What did Paul want the Lord to grant Onesiphorus? (1:18)
17. What did Paul encourage Timothy to do with what he had been taught?
18. How was Timothy to endure hardship? (2:3)
19. How does a soldier limit himself? Why? (2:4)
20. What must an athlete do in order to win? (2:5)
21. What should a hardworking farmer receive? Why? (2:6)
22. What was Paul's gospel? (2:8)
23. Why was Paul willing to endure anything? (2:10)
24. How did Paul encourage Timothy? (2:11-13)
25. What "trustworthy saying" did Paul leave with Timothy to encourage him? (2:11-13)

Scripture Memory Verse

PRAYER REQUESTS and UPDATE

PLEASE WRITE HERE ANY PRAYER REQUESTS YOU HAVE FOR YOURSELF AND HOW ARE YOU DOING? DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL NEEDS OR QUESTIONS I CAN HELP YOU WITH?

NAME: _____

MEMORY VERSE

PLEASE WRITE OUT AT LEAST ONE VERSE YOU HAVE MEMORIZED FROM 2 CORINTHIANS
NAME: _____

