

December 24/Day 358

2 Timothy 1

Verses 1-2

- Who authored this letter?
- To whom is it written?
- This is the second letter he has written to him and it is probably the last letter Paul wrote before his death.

Verses 3-7

- Paul's forefathers were Jewish, how did they serve God?
- Remember who the recipient is. What personal things does Paul say to him?
- How did the faith of Timothy's mother and grandmother affect him personally?
- What does Paul encourage Timothy to do?
- I'm sure you can quote verse 7. Timidity can be translated "fear". Does it help to know the context? He's not just talking about general fear randomly here. As we continue, we will see what is causing fear, or timidity (intimidation) to Timothy.

Verses 8-14

- In what way could Paul's imprisonment cause shame?
- How are believers called? Not according to what?
- What did the sacrifice of Jesus do to death? How can this be? We still die, don't we?
- For what was Paul appointed?
- Why was Paul not ashamed of his suffering? Of what is he sure?
- What does he exhort in verses 13 & 14?

Verses 15-18

- What kind of betrayal did Paul experience in Asia? This is the area in and around Turkey.
- Who stood by him?

2 Timothy 2

Verses 1-7

- How does Paul encourage Timothy here?
- What does he say to do with faithful men? To reiterate, what kind of men?

- Why does he talk about soldiers and athletes? Notice, if you take these verses out and use them at random, you totally miss the reason he speaks them; to encourage Timothy to keep going in ministry.

Verses 8-10

- Why does Paul endure suffering? What is he encouraging Timothy to do?

Verses 11-13

- What things are contrasted in these verses?

Verses 14-19

- We have seen him say this before, about wrangling about words. Have you ever heard people say, *it's just semantics*? Knowing the proper definitions of Bible words is important. They can have a deep impact in your study. But useless and vain speech, trying to sound superior, or trying to catch someone else in mis-speech is dangerous.
- How are we to present ourselves? How is this possible? (KJV- “study”)
- What does ungodly talk spread like? Can gossip fall into his category? What about complaining or ranting?
- What does God know?

Verses 20-26

- What is Paul trying to say by his example of vessels?
- From what should Timothy flee? We think of lust as sexual, but a worldly lust can be many things, from materialism to gluttony.
- What should Timothy pursue?
- Do ignorant speculations line up with the ungodly speech and wrangling about words from before? What do they produce?
- What should the Lord's bond-servant be like?
- How should a teacher correct? Why?
- A snare is a trap. What does verse 26 say about the devil's traps?
- Though this was written for Timothy, is there any application for us in this passage?

2 Timothy 3

Verses 1-9

- What kinds of times will come? When?
- What will men be like when these times come?
- What do they hold to? But what do they deny?

- How are we to treat such men as these?
- What kind of damage do they cause?
- In regard to the wrangling about words, what does verse 7 say?
- These men have lots of knowledge, but what do they oppose?
- What are their minds like? Does this remind you of Romans chapter one?
- Why will they not make progress?

Verses 10-17

- As Paul's protégé, what did Timothy follow?
- From what did the Lord rescue Paul? What was his life like before He came to Jesus, do you remember? Wouldn't it have been easier for him to return to his regular way of life?
- What will happen to all who live godly in Christ Jesus?
- What had Timothy known from his childhood? What did these do for him later?
- How much of Scripture is inspired (theopneustos-"God-breathed")?
- What is it good for? Why?

2 Timothy 4

Verses 1-5

- I solemnly charge you who?
- To do what? When? How specifically?
- What will happen in times to come?
- What kind of teachers will they seek?
- What is Timothy to do even when this happens?
- Is there any application for us?

Verses 6-8

- What is happening to Paul? What does this mean?
- How does he explain this?

Verses 9-15

- Do you remember the Parable of the Sower? What did it mean when someone got wrapped up in this present world like Demas?
- Who remained with Paul? Another reason we believe Luke wrote Acts, he stayed with Paul until the end.
- Who does he wish Timothy to bring with him? Yes, this is the same John Mark who caused the split between Paul and Barnabas.
- What items did Paul with Timothy to bring?

- What was Paul's warning about Alexander?

Verses 16-18

- Who stood by Paul when he was on trial?
- What will the Lord continue to do for Paul?

Verses 19-22

- To whom does Paul send greetings?
- How does he end this letter, by what request?

I always get sad when I finish reading 2 Timothy, knowing Paul was later beheaded for the sake of the gospel. Doesn't sound much like the gospel we hear these days, does it?

See you tomorrow.