

Through the Bible Course

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2 Timothy

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Key Word: Not to be ashamed

Author: Paul

Date: Written during Paul's imprisonment in Rome and shortly before his death. Some believe this was last of Paul's writings.

Purpose: Timothy had evidently become quite discouraged and Paul wrote to strengthen his faith and to encourage him to continue his work. At the end, he urged him to come to Rome and be with him.

Salutation: Chapter 1:1, 2

- I. Chapter 1:3 – 2:13 – Some things which should strengthen Timothy's courage
 1. 1:3-5 – Paul's thought of Timothy and his early faith
 2. 1:5-7 – Reminds him of his ordination and gifts (verse 7) which God has given
 3. 1:8-12 – An appeal to be unashamed
 - a. verses 8-10 – greatness of salvation
 - b. verses 11-12 – Paul's own steadfastness in suffering
 4. 1:13-18 – Appeal to loyalty in spite of disloyalty of some; remembering loyalty of Onesiphorus
 5. 2:1-13 – Timothy urged to be diligent
 - a. verses 1, 2 – in grace of Christ
 - b. verses 3, 4 – as good soldier
 - c. verse 5 – as athlete
 - d. verses 6, 7 – as husbandman
 - e. verses 8-13 – in view of certain truths
 1. verses 7, 8 – resurrection of Christ
 2. verses 9-13 – sufferings for Christ bring rewards
- II. Chapter 2:14-26 – General exhortations to Timothy as a church leader
 1. 2:14-18 – Positive and negative subject matter of his teaching
 2. 2:19-21 – Foundation of church stands sure in spite of two kinds of vessels
 3. 2:22-26 – Personal counsel
 - a. verse 22 – personal purity
 - b. verses 23-26 – avoid strife but teach with patience, meekness, and hope
- III. Chapter 3:1 – 4:8 – Warning against error and apostasy

1. 3:1-9 – Last days evil will be practiced in name of Christianity
 - a. verses 8, 9 – times of Moses as illustration
2. 3:10-13 – Paul's example
3. 3:14-17 – Exhortation to continue in Scriptures which he had known as a child
4. 4:1-8 – Preach word diligently
 - a. verses 1-6 – in view of fact time will come when will not hear
 - b. verses 7, 8 – Paul will soon depart this life

IV. Chapter 4:9-22 – Personal details

1. 4:9-12 – Desires Timothy to come to him
2. 4:13-14 – Get personal effects at Troas, but beware of Alexander the coppersmith
3. 4:16-18 – All forsook except Lord
4. 4:19-22 – Some information about persons