

**Directions:** take the next 15 minutes and read through the entire book of **2 Timothy** (4 chapters) and answer the following questions.

1. Who wrote this letter?

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2. Who did he write it to?

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3. Are there any other names mentioned in the book? According to the passage, who are they?

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4. Based on what you read, what do you think is the author’s purpose of writing this letter?

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5. Often, as you read a book, you begin to notice certain themes (main ideas) that appear over and over again. As you read, did you see any repeated words, themes, or ideas? If so, what were they? Look at the example and list them below.

Theme (repeated words and ideas)	Reference (chapter: verse)
Boldness (vs. “ashamed)	1:7, 1:8, 1:12, 1:16...

**Directions:** Paul embodied the qualities of a Christian leader. We can learn from his example as we read. Read through Chapter 1 and answer the following questions.

1. Do you think Paul and Timothy know each other? What makes you believe this?

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2. In what ways does Paul reveal to us that he genuinely loves Timothy? (list 3)

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3. How often does Paul say he prays for Timothy? How do you think prayer shows our love for people?

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4. In verse 7, Paul mentions three characteristics of a Christian leader. What are they? According to the verse, how are they available to us?

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5. It is clear that Paul and Timothy had a special relationship. Paul mentored Timothy and genuinely loved him. Is there someone in your life that you can love like Paul loved Timothy? Who? What would it look like for you to love them like this?

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6. Finally, real Christian leaders love Jesus. Their love for others flows from the understanding that God has radically loved them *through Jesus*. From the passage, what makes you think that both Paul and Timothy both loved Jesus?

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7. Why do you think that Jesus' love for us needs to be the foundation of our motivation to love others?

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**Directions:** Re-read chapter 1 and pay careful attention to how Paul addressed the importance of boldness in a Christian leader.

1. Read verse 7. Why do you think Paul reminds Timothy that “we have not been given a spirit of fear”? What do you think might have been going on with Timothy?

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2. Is there anything that God asks you to do that you might be afraid to do? What things really scare you?

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3. Read verse 8, what does Paul tell Timothy, not to do?

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4. Have you ever been ashamed to tell others about Jesus? What made you feel this way?

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5. Read **2 Timothy 1:12 & Romans 1:16**. Why is Paul not ashamed of the Gospel?

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6. Read **2 Timothy 1:8**. What do you think it might look like for you to suffer for proclaiming the “good news”? (Be personal and specific)

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7. Do you think the sharing the gospel with people who don’t believe in Jesus is worth suffering for? Why or why not?

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**Directions:** Read **2 Timothy 2:1** and answer the following questions.

1. In verse 1, what does Paul urge Timothy to be the source of his strength? What do you think this means?

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2. Read **Ephesians 2:8-10**. What is the author saying here? Why would be important for a Christian leader to understand what this verse is saying?

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3. If we don't understand and appreciate God's grace how will we treat those around us that we are trying to influence?

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4. **G.R.A.C.E.** = God's Riches at Christ's Expense. What do you think this means?

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5. How can we model grace to those around us?

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6. In what practical ways do you think we can grow in our understanding of and appreciation for God's grace in our own lives?

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Directions: Read **2 Timothy 2:2** and answer the following questions.

1. In **2 Timothy 2:2**, what does Paul tell Timothy that he should be teaching others?

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2. What do you think would be included in the “great truths” that Paul mentions in verse 2?

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3. What do you think Paul means by “trustworthy people”?

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4. Read **Matthew 28:18-20**. What is Jesus telling the disciples to do in this verse?

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5. How do you think the verse in Matthew corresponds to the 2 Timothy 2:2?

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6. Is there anyone in your life that you could “mentor” or “disciple”? What might it look like for you to play this role in their life?

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1. Read **2 Timothy 2:3-4**. What *simile* does use to describe to Timothy what a Christian leader is? Write the simile below.

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2. In verse 4, Paul goes on to describe what it is about a soldier that Timothy is supposed to imitate. What characteristic of a soldier does he ask him to duplicate?

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3. What do you think he means by the phrase “do not let yourself become tied up in the affairs of this life”?

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4. Can you think of ways that you might become distracted that would prevent you from accomplishing the mission (**see Matthew 28:18-20**) God has called us to?

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5. Do you think Paul is saying that we shouldn't ever do anything that might be considered “the affairs of this life”? What might he be saying?

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6. The example of a soldier is a good one. The Bible says that we are in a war. Read **Ephesians 6:10-18**, answer the following questions

1. Who is our enemy?

2. Name the different pieces of our “armor” that we are to “put on.”

3. What would it look like to “put on” these elements of God’s armor?

1. Read **2 Timothy 2:5**, what *simile* does Paul use to describe a Christian leader? Write the simile below.

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2. What aspect of being an Olympic athlete does Paul use to make his point?

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3. What do you think it looks like for a Christian leader to “follow the rules”?

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4. Comparing a Christian leader and an Olympic athlete is a great example. Below list 3 ways that a Christian leader is like an athlete.

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- 3.

5. Olympic athletes have to undergo months and even years of physical, emotional, and intellectual training in order to compete on a level worthy of the world stage. In the same way a Christian leader must train for the race ahead. What kinds of things do you think a Christian leader must do to prepare for the race?

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6. What will be the result of being “unprepared” as a Christian leader? What do we need to prepare for?

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1. Read **2 Timothy 2:6**, what metaphor does Paul use to describe a Christian leader?

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2. In what ways do you think a “hardworking farmer” is like a Christian leader? List as many comparisons as you can.

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*Read the following verses. Write a short summary of the person described in each verse.*

1. *Proverbs 6:6—*

2. *Proverbs 13:4—*

3. *Proverbs 20:4—*

3. Are you more like the “hardworking famer” in 2 Timothy or the “lazy” person described in Proverbs? Explain your answer.

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4. What would the result be if a Christian leader were more like the “lazy” person than the “hardworking farmer”?

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5. Farmers are very patient people. Why is it important that, like the farmer, a Christian leader remain patient?

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Directions: Read 2 Timothy 2:14-26 and answer the following questions.

1. Read verse 14, what does Paul instruct these people to stop doing? What reason does he give them to stop?

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2. Why do you think “fighting over words” can “ruin those who hear them”?

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3. Have you ever witnessed an argument having a negative spiritual impact on a friend or loved one? Explain.

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4. Read verse 16, what do you think he means by “godless, foolish discussions that lead to more ungodliness”? What are some modern day examples of this sort of thing? How is it harmful (verse 17)?

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5. Read verse 22, what does Paul tell Timothy to pursue (4 things)? Why is the “companionship of those who call upon the Lord with pure hearts” so important for a Christian leader?

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6. Read verse 24. Are you kind to everyone? Are you patient even with “difficult people”? Explain your answer? Why are these important qualities for a Christian leader?

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7. Read verse 25 and 26. Why should we “gently teach those who oppose the truth”? According to verse 26, as a Christian leader, what is our hope for these people?

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Directions: Read **2 Timothy 3:14-17** and answer the following questions.

1. Read **2 Timothy 3:14**. What is Timothy supposed to remain faithful to? What reasons does Paul give to support this command?

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2. Read verse 15. What does Paul say that the scriptures do? What do you think he means by this?

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3. Read verse 16-17. Paul makes some amazing claims about the Bible. What are they?

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4. Do you believe you can be a Christian leader without being a student of God's Word (the Bible)? Why or why not?

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5. Why is it important for a Christian leader to know his or her Bible?

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6. What will be the result of a leader who is not a student of God's Word? What dangers does he or she face?

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**Directions:** Read *2 Timothy 4:1-5* and answer the following questions.

1. Read verses 1-2, what does Paul tell Timothy to do?

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2. In verse 2, he tells Timothy “Be persistent, whether the time is favorable or not.” Why do you think he told him this?

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3. Read verses 3-4, Paul describes a time when people won’t listen to the Bible, but they will want to listen to what makes them “feel good” and agrees with what they want to hear. Do you think we are living in a time like this? Explain your answer.

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4. Have you ever stood up for something you knew was right even if was unpopular? Are you glad you made this decision? Describe the situation and the result.

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5. Read verse 5. What does Paul instruct Timothy that he should not be “afraid of”? In light of the previous verses in chapter 4, why do you think he reminds him of this?

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6. In the second half of verse 5, Paul describes the reason reminds Timothy of his mission. What is it?

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**Directions:** Read **2 Timothy 4:6-22**, and answer the following questions.

1. In verse 7, Paul says “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” What do you think he means by this?

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2. In verse 8, what does Paul say that will happen when he finally gets to see Jesus again face to face?

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3. Read **Matthew 25:14-28**. What do you think Jesus is teaching us in this passage? In the story, who were the “faithful servants”?

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**Read the Following Quote:**

*“The Greeks had a race in their Olympic games that was unique. The winner was not the runner who finished first. It was the runner who finished with his torch still lit. I want to run all the way with the flame of my torch still lit for Him.” (Stowell, J: Fan the Flame. Page 32, Moody).*

4. Do you think Paul arrived at the finish line with his “torch still lit for Him”? What makes you believe this is true?

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5. Read **Hebrews 12:1-3**. This verse contains the key to remaining faithful to Jesus. What does the author say?

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