

## The Second Letter to Timothy

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## Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God's Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses which the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

## Morning Study

Today we begin reading the second section of **2 Timothy**. This section can be divided into three subsections. Read each subsection, answering for yourself the questions associated with them. Type out your answers or jot them down on a piece of paper and file your answers with your morning study.

### Read 2 Timothy 2:14-19

- What was Timothy to keep reminding the Ephesian Christians of? (**2:11-14**).
- What was Timothy told to warn the Ephesian Christians against and why? (**2:14**).
- What was Timothy to do his best to do? (**2:15**).
- What do you think "correctly handl[ing] the word of truth" has to do with the context of the whole of Paul's second letter to Timothy? (**2:15**).
- What is Timothy told to avoid (**2:16**) and why is it likened to gangrene? (**2:17**).
- What are the two statements that are inscribed upon the solid foundation of God's Church? (**2:19**).

### Read 2 Timothy 2:20-26

- Paul uses the illustration of a wealthy house, which contains many different kinds of vessels, some used for noble purposes and others for ignoble purposes. What do you think Paul is encouraging Timothy to do? (**2:20-21**).
- What is Timothy told to flee from and what is he told to pursue? (**2:22**).
- How does **2:23-26** relate to **2:14-19**?

### Read 2 Timothy 3:1-9

- Paul lists the symptoms of "terrible times in the last days." Were these traits being expressed inside or outside the church of Ephesus? (**3:1-5**).
- What do you think Paul means when he says, "They are...always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth"? (**3:7**).
- How does Paul describe these men and why does he say "they will not get very far" (**3:8-9**).

# Memory Verse

Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness."

2 Timothy 2:19

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to memorize your memory verse:

- ➡ Ask the Lord to help you remember his Word (see [John 14:26](#)).
- ➡ Use the version of the Bible you are most familiar with. What you normally read in your Bible is what you need to be memorizing.
- ➡ Don't just memorize the contents of the verse; memorize its "address" (the verse reference) as well. You can do this by following this pattern: Step 1: **reference**; Step 2: **verse content**; Step 3: **reference**. Then repeat steps 1-3. Note that you are quoting the reference twice as many times as you quote the actual verse content. This gives the verse a clear "reference tag."
- ➡ After you have read your memory verse out aloud several times, try going through your memory verse *without* reading your computer screen.
- ➡ Look up your memory verse in your Bible. Look at its immediate context and read the verses that come before and after your memory verse.
- ➡ Print out your memory verse or jot it down on a piece of paper. Take this paper with you when you go to work or do other daily activities. Meditate on the meaning of the verse throughout the day.
- ➡ During your noon appointment with the Lord, take out your memory verse and go over it again. Talk to the Lord about what this verse means to you personally.
- ➡ In the evening (at either your evening study or your evening devotions), see if you can quote your memory verse from memory. Then, without looking at the memory verse itself, see if you can find it in your Bible.
- ➡ The next day, before you begin committing a new verse to memory, rehearse your previous day's memory verse and see if you can remember it (without cheating!).
- ➡ Finally, at the end of the week (possibly on the Sunday), collect all your week's memory verses, rehearse them and see if you can recall them without reading them. Spend a little extra time on any verses you have difficulty recalling.
- ➡ Remember: Don't just memorize a verse. Put it into practice ([James 1:22](#)). It is not being able to quote a verse from memory that counts. It is His Word *abiding* in your heart that counts ([John 15:7](#)). When you actually apply a verse consistently to your daily life, that is when you *truly* know that verse!