

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 begin reading **2 Timothy** section by section. Paul's second letter to Timothy can be divided into three main sections:

- Paul's call for endurance (**1:1-2:13**).
- Paul's warnings on godlessness (**2:14-3:9**).
- Paul's charge to Timothy (**3:10-4:22**).

The first section is 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 1:1-18

- Why did Paul long to see Timothy? (**1:3-4**).
- What had lived in Timothy's mother and grandmother, and Paul was persuaded lived in Timothy also? (**1:5**).
- What was the gift of God that Paul told Timothy to fan into flame? (**1:6**) (note **1:5; Ephesians 2:8**).
- What did Paul ask Timothy to join him in? (**1:8**).
- What is Timothy told to guard? (**1:11-14**).
- Count the number of times Paul uses the words "suffering" and "ashamed" in this section, then read **1:1-18** again to get the feel of what Paul is saying.

Read 2 Timothy 2:1-7

- What is Timothy instructed to be strong in? (**2:1**).
- How does **2:2** relate to **1:12** and **1:14**?
- What is Timothy instructed to endure? (**2:3**).
- What are the three parables Timothy is told to reflect on? (**2:3-7**).

Read 2 Timothy 2:8-13

- Although Paul is chained, what was *not* chained? (**2:9**).
- Why did Paul endure everything? (**2:10**).

Memory Verse

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity,
but a spirit of power, of love
and of self-discipline.

2 Timothy 1:7

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!