

2 Timothy 4

Memory Verse: 2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

Begin your Bible study with prayer, confessing any sins you know of, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word and asking the Holy Spirit to guide your study.

Read 2 Timothy 4

1. a. What methods of ministry are utilized by the servant who is prepared? v. 2
 - b. Define each of the following terms from verse 2:
 - Preach
 - Reprove
 - Rebuke
 - Exhort
2. Why does Paul refer to the future judgment and eternal kingdom in verse 1? How do these reminders relate to the commands he is about to give to Timothy?
3. In verse 2, Paul charges Timothy to *"Preach the Word!"* Throughout Paul's two letters to Timothy, he made numerous references to the word of God. Look up these references and note the various terms he used to describe the scriptures.
 - a. 1 Timothy 1:11
 - b. 1 Timothy 2:7
 - c. 1 Timothy 4:13
 - d. 2 Timothy 1:13
4. Write out verse 7 below. What are the consequences for falling short of the things Paul lists in verse 7? (see also 1 Cor 9:24-27; 2 Tim 2:5-6)

5. To what future reward can the faithful believer look forward? (verse 8) See also: How does the reality of future judgment and possible reward affect your priorities today?

6. Why does Paul mention good and bad examples by name? How does the warning about Alexander the coppersmith fit with the warnings Paul has given in 1 and 2 Timothy?

7. In verse 17, Paul reiterates God's deliverance (see also 2 Tim 3:11). However, from 4:6, we know that Paul realized that his death was imminent. Is this a contradiction? Why or why not?

8. Read verses 16-18. From the things that he writes, what evidence do you see that Paul is a man of God? (review 1 Tim 6:11,12 for further insight)

Application: When God's Word controls our lives, it should affect every aspect of life. As *the Word influences your choices; your choices will reflect your priorities and your priorities will reveal your true character* to a world desperate for the truth!

As you aim to please the Lord and fulfill His purpose for your life. Use the exhortations in verse 5 to evaluate yourself:

- a. Are *you* being watchful in all things?
- b. Are *you* enduring afflictions?
- c. Are *you* proclaiming the Word of God in your sphere of influence?
- d. Are *you* fulfilling your ministry?

Depending on your answers, what practical action will you take to align your life with God's Word?

End your study by thanking the Lord for what you have learned this week and ask Him to help you apply the truths you have learned.

For further study: What dangers does God promise to deliver Christians from? Look up these cross references to start your list (John 5:24; 10:27-29; Rom 5:9; 7:21-25; 8: 38-39; Gal 1:3,4). Add any others you can find in Scripture.