

PAUL TO A "T"
2 TIMOTHY 2:1-21

Pray and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

Read the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

Begin to answer the questions using your own words.

Questions are based on New International Version (NIV) 1984 edition.

Lesson 22 • 2 Timothy 2:1-21 • April 11, 2012

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **2 Timothy 1** has been helpful to you?

SECTION I: Read 2 Timothy 2:1-13

2. In what was Timothy to be strong (**V1**)?
3. To whom is Timothy to entrust the things he heard Paul say in **V2**?
4. a) Which are the three examples that Paul gives of how the Christian is called to endure, and explain how each example illustrates endurance from Paul's perspective and your own (**V3-6**)?

b) Why do you think Paul emphasized endurance and strength in this letter?

c) What hardship in your life do you need strength to endure? Ask your table to pray for you.
5. a) According to **V8**, what is the gospel for which Paul was suffering? What is the significance of the resurrection, according to **Romans 8:11**?

5. b) Although Paul is in chains, what is not chained (**V9**)? Read **Isaiah 40:8** and **Hebrews 4:12** and explain why this is so.

6. What reason does Paul give in **V10** for his endurance?

7. a) Paul gives another trustworthy saying in **V11-13**. There are four pairs of truths. What are they?

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b) Which of these four truths is most compelling for you and why?

SECTION II: Read 2 Timothy 2:14-21

8. What does Paul warn about again in **V14**, and what reason does he give?

9. a) In **V15**, Paul gives Timothy some important advice; from one workman to another. What was that advice? What are the two characteristics of the approved workman?

b) Why do you think it is vital to the health of the Church that a teacher correctly handles the word of truth? (For help, see **1 Timothy 1:3-7**.)

10. a) In **V16-18**, what is the result of godless chatter, and who were two of its casualties?

b) In **V18**, what did they say, and how did this impact the faith of some?

11. a) In **V19**, what two sayings are inscribed on God's solid foundation?

b) What do these two inscriptions mean to you?

12. a) What do you think Paul's main point is in **V20-21**?

b) How do these verses compel you to think, pray, or live differently?

13. Form a prayer based on **2 Timothy 2:1-21**.

DIGGING DEEPER

In **V1**, Paul encouraged Timothy to "be strong in the *grace* that is in Christ Jesus."

1. What amazes you about the grace of God in terms of salvation?

Ephesians 2:8-9 _____

Romans 3:22-24 _____

Romans 5:1-2 _____

Romans 5:20b _____

2. The grace of God is a power that strengthens you for daily living and for God's purposes in your life. In the following verses, identify practical ways that grace empowered someone specifically or generally:

1 Corinthians 3:10 _____

1 Corinthians 15:10 _____

2 Corinthians 9:8 _____

Ephesians 3:7-8 _____

Hebrews 4:12b _____

1 Peter 4:10 _____

