

PAUL TO A "T"
2 TIMOTHY 2:22-3:9

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 23 • 2 Timothy 2:22-3:9 • April 18, 2012

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **2 Timothy 2:1-21** has been helpful to you?

SECTION I: Read 2 Timothy 2:22-26

2. a) What was Timothy to flee, and what was he to pursue? (**V22**)
- b) Who would he be among in this pursuit?
3. a) What is the Lord's servant supposed to do and not do (**V23-25**)?
- b) From **V25b and 26**, what is the aim of gentle instruction?
- c) Recall a time when kindness and gentle instruction have led you to repentance and knowledge of the truth, and write about it.

SECTION II: Read 2 Timothy 3:1-9

4. a) What character traits will be present in the godless who live in the "last days" (**V1-5**)?

4. b) Choose one or two traits from this list, and describe how you are experiencing God's transforming power in overcoming them.
5. What two contrasting pulls do you learn about regarding the "last days" from **Acts 2:17-21** and **Jude 1:4,17-19**?
6. a) What does it mean for someone to have "a form of godliness but denying its power" (**V5a**)?
- b) What do you think a society would be like populated by the people Paul describes in these verses (**V1-5**)? How would it function?
7. a) How is Timothy to respond to these godless people (**V5b**)?
- b) As you look around, what evidence, if any, do you see that we might be living in the "last days?" How does this impact how and with whom you spend your time?
8. a) In **V6-7**, what is the danger presented by these people, and who do they target? **Romans 16:18** may give you some additional insight.
- b) What have you observed or experienced with those who are "always learning and never able to acknowledge truth?" What dangers do you see for them and for yourself if you are swayed by their thinking?

9. Who does Paul give as examples of those who oppose the truth? Although their names do not appear, they are traditionally thought to be the magicians mentioned in **Exodus 7:11** and **22** and **Exodus 8:18-19**. What is their story?

10. a) How does Paul describe these men in **V8b -9**?

b) Read **2 Corinthians 11:12-15**. What additional insight do you gain about these men and their fate?

11. In **V9**, Paul says the folly of such people "will be clear to everyone." Describe how you've seen this, (or not).

12. Write a prayer based on any verses covered in this Lesson.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. A gospel which denies the power of God is no gospel at all. Jesus lived by the power of God, and it is that same power by which we are saved. What do you learn of this power in these verses?

Luke 1:35 _____

2 Corinthians 13:4 _____

Ephesians 3:7 _____

Colossians 1:10-11 _____

1 Thessalonians 1:4-5 _____

2 Peter 1:3 _____

2. In your own words, come up with a spiritual truth about the power of God from something that struck you in these verses:
