



Acts to Revelation
Bible Course
Lesson 45

Name: _____

2 Timothy

In the second letter to Timothy, Paul exhorts Timothy never to be ashamed of preaching the gospel, for at Christ's appearing, it will be proven to all that this gospel was the only hope for mankind. Timothy will be persecuted for it, but Paul admonishes him to be a good soldier of Jesus Christ. In chapter 3, Paul deals with the character of men in the last days. In the end of this chapter and in chapter 4, Paul gives his last charge to Timothy, knowing that the end of his ministry and death are very near.

Read 2 Timothy 1

1. Paul prays for Timothy _____ greatly desiring to see him (v. 3). Remember Paul is in prison in Rome. While in bonds there, he calls to remembrance Timothy's _____ that was first in his grandmother _____ , and then in his mother _____ .
2. Paul tells Timothy not to be ashamed of the _____ of the Lord nor "of me his _____ " (v. 8). Timothy is to be a partaker of the _____ of the gospel according to the power of God, for Paul told Timothy a couple chapters later, they "that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer _____ " (Ch. 3:12).
3. What did Christ abolish for His Church (Ch. 1:10)? _____
What did Christ bring for His Church? _____
4. Paul tells Timothy to hold fast _____ words (v. 13) which some turned from... namely _____ and _____ ; but _____ was not ashamed of Paul's chain. This is a true friend. He didn't care about the stigma associated with visiting 'bad' people in prison. He ministered to Paul's needs.

Read 2 Timothy 2

In chapter 2, Paul gives a series of seven examples to demonstrate the duty and action of believers, actually, of everyone, but only that which is done out of true faith is honoring to God and gives an example of “a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.”

5. **SON:** Thou, therefore, my _____, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and the _____ that thou hast _____ of me...the same commit to faithful men who will teach others also.
(Learn from faithful men and teach others.)



6. **SOLDIER:** A soldier has to endure many hardships. Sometimes it is weather related, other times it is the lack of supplies, still other times it may be wounds suffered at the hands of the enemies. Such is the case of a Christian soldier. Paul told him he must endure _____ (hardships) as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. If you are fighting a war, you don't focus on business matters, relationships or even family. So spiritually, if you are fighting the war against the 3-headed enemy (world, flesh, devil), you do not get entangled in the affairs of this _____ (v. 3,4).
7. This life is too insignificant in comparison to eternity. Therefore when Paul comes to the end of this thought (v. 11), he gives this faithful saying, “If we be _____ [or die to ourselves] with him, we shall also live with him: if we _____, we shall also reign with him: if we _____ him, he will also _____ us: if we believe not, yet he abideth _____: he cannot deny himself.” The visible church may turn aside in unbelief, like Israel in the wilderness, yet God remains true to His word – He is faithful. Truth is His attribute...He cannot deny Himself.
8. **ATHLETE:** And if a man also strive for _____ (compete in athletics), yet is he not crowned, except he _____
_____ (abides by the rules).

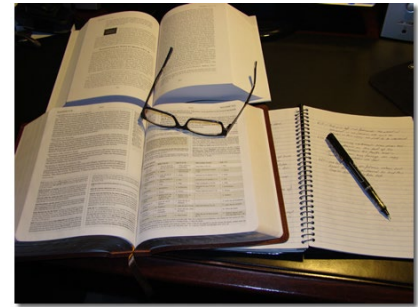


9. **FARMER:** The _____ that laboreth must be first partaker of the _____ (work before crops have fruit).



Farmer: labour for fruit

10. **STUDENT OF THE WORD:** They do not _____ about words to no profit. They _____ to show themselves approved unto _____, that do not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of _____ (properly interpret the Word of God). They shun _____ and vain babblings... but would rather increase more to _____. Hymeneus and _____ were caught in this profane and vain babblings... their word eats like a _____. They said that the _____ was past.



Student of the Word: study diligently

11. **A VESSEL:** They are vessels unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the _____ use, prepared unto every good _____ (clean and usable). They flee youthful _____. They follow _____, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a _____ heart. They avoid _____ and unlearned questions.



Vessel: used by the Master

12. **A SERVANT:** They are gentle to all men, apt to _____, patient. In meekness, they instruct those that _____ themselves. (Living unconverted is an opposition to your eternal welfare.) The servant of the Lord seeks to show them that they are caught in the snare of the _____ and taken captive by him at his will.

13. *'Snare' means noose of cord or wire used to trap animals or birds, a trap.*

14. They also preach the word, are instant in/out of season, reprove, _____, and exhort with all _____ and doctrine (Ch. 4:2).

Evaluator: _____

Meditation: Grace In Trials

FATHER OF MERCIES,
Hear me for Jesus' sake.

I am sinful even in my closest walk with Thee;
it is of Thy mercy I died not long ago;
Thy grace has given me faith in the cross
by which Thou hast reconciled Thyself to me and me to Thee,
drawing me by Thy great love,
reckoning me as innocent in Christ though guilty in myself.

Giver of all graces,
I look to Thee for strength to maintain them in me,
for it is hard to practice what I believe.

Strengthen me against temptations.

My heart is an unexhausted fountain of sin,
a river of corruption since childhood days,
flowing on in every pattern of behaviour;
Thou hast disarmed me of the means in which I trusted,
and I have no strength but in Thee.

Thou alone canst hold back my evil ways,
but without Thy grace to sustain me I fall.

Satan's darts quickly inflame me,
and the shield that should quench them easily drops from my hand:
Empower me against his wiles and assaults.

Keep me sensible of my weakness,
and of my dependence upon Thy strength.

Let every trial teach me more of Thy peace, more of Thy love.

Thy Holy Spirit is given to increase Thy graces,
and I cannot preserve or improve them unless He works continually in me.

May he confirm my trust in Thy promised help,
and let me walk humbly in dependence upon Thee, for Jesus' sake.

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