



## COLOSSIANS 1:28-29

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## ABOUT THIS STUDY

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In Colossians 1:28-29 the apostle Paul writes, “Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all His energy that He powerfully works within me.” The goal of Paul’s ministry was to present everyone mature in Christ, and he labored to this end according to God’s power graciously at work within him.

While physical age comes naturally to us all, this is not the case with spiritual maturity. Our growth in Christ is wrought with suffering, temptation, and battles against our own sinful desires. Thankfully God has not left us alone in this process. He has granted His people access to every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places (Eph. 1:3), including an Advocate with the Father (Jesus, 1 John 2:1) and a Helper who indwells us (the Holy Spirit, John 16:7). Additionally, God has given us His living and active Word (the Bible, Heb. 4:12) and has adopted us into His family (the Church, Eph. 4:11-16) so that together we can grow up into Christ who is the Head.

Our spiritual growth was never intended to take place in isolation. Scripture places it within the context of the Church, as mature disciples of Jesus teach and model what it means to deny self and pursue Christ. In 2 Timothy 1:13-14, the apostle Paul writes to his beloved disciple, “Follow the same pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.” Paul exhorts Timothy to hold fast to the example, or pattern, of sound words that he had witnessed consistently in Paul’s life. Later in chapter 2, Paul urges Timothy to entrust that pattern of sound words to “faithful men who will teach others also.”

## 2 TIMOTHY 1:13-14

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While Timothy held an official leadership position in a local church, the responsibility to entrust the truth to others is a privilege shared by every disciple of Christ. As we follow the pattern of sound words learned from believers ahead of us, we are called to adhere to that pattern so that others can follow us and do the same.

The purpose of this study is to help equip you to entrust what you have learned to faithful men (and women) who will teach others also. Each lesson is intended to be completed over the course of one week and includes opportunities for Bible study, Scripture memory, accountability, and prayer. We encourage you to invite one to four others to walk through this study with you for eight weeks, doing the homework individually and coming together weekly to discuss what you learned.

As you study 2 Timothy, consider the people in your spheres of influence. Ask God to give insight into the discipleship relationships to which He may be calling you. Our prayer is that as you follow the pattern of sound words in Scripture you will be strengthened by His grace to entrust it to those around you.

## **WEEK ONE MEMORIZATION**

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“Follow the same pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.”

2 Timothy 1:13

# **PATTERNS: WEEK ONE**

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## OVERVIEW

Your eight-week study of 2 Timothy begins with an overview of the book. Similar to looking at a map before crossing unknown territory, the purpose of an overview is to gain general observations of the book so you will be better equipped to study it verse-by-verse.

Psalm 119:102 says, “I do not turn aside from Your rules, for You have taught me.” Before beginning your overview of 2 Timothy, humbly ask the Lord to teach you and to empower you to walk in His ways.

**Read all of 2 Timothy.**

**Remember that at this point in your study you are simply looking at what the text says, not determining its meaning. As you read, look for any major themes.**

**After you have read the book, answer the following questions to help you establish its context.**

**1. On the chart below, write down the main points that you saw in each chapter.**

### CHAPTER THEMES

CH 1 \_\_\_\_\_

CH 2 \_\_\_\_\_

CH 3 \_\_\_\_\_

CH 4 \_\_\_\_\_

## **2 TIMOTHY**

**2. What genre of literature is 2 Timothy? (1:1-2)**

**3. Who is the author of this book? How does he describe himself? (1:1)**

**4. Who is the recipient? How is he described? (1:2)**

**What does this description tell you about the relationship between the author and recipient?**

**5. Look at 2 Timothy 2:9. Where was Paul when he wrote this letter?**

**6. Look up 1 Timothy 1:3-5. Where was Timothy likely living at the time he received this letter?**

**7. Every author writes with a purpose in mind. Considering what you have seen in your overview of 2 Timothy, why do you think Paul wrote this letter?**

## **HISTORICAL CONTEXT FOR 2 TIMOTHY**

**Date Written: Between A.D. 62 & A.D. 67**

**“Ever since Rome had burned in July of A.D. 64, and Nero had blamed the Christians, it had become dangerous to be a Christian. It was also dangerous to have contact with leaders of the church such as Paul. Consequently many believers, including some of Paul’s coworkers, had chosen to seek a much lower profile and become less aggressive in their ministries.”**

**- Dr. Thomas L. Constable, Notes on 2 Timothy, 2021 Edition**

## **REFLECT**

**8. What have you learned, or been reminded, about the character of God this week?**

**9. What parts of this letter encouraged you?**



**10. What parts of this letter challenged or confused you?**

**11. Which part are you most excited to study more deeply, and why?**

**12. In the space below, write a prayer of response to what you have seen this week in God's Word.**

## **WEEK TWO MEMORIZATION**

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“By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.”

2 Timothy 1:14

# **PATTERNS: WEEK TWO**

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## 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-18

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, 2 To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 3 I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. 4 As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. 6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, 7 for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. 8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, 9 who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, 10 and which now has been manifested through the appearing of

our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

11 for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher,

12 which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I

know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that He is able

to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. 13 Follow

the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in

the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 14 By the Holy Spirit

who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

15 You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from

me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes. 16 May the

Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often

refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains, 17 but when he

arrived in Rome he searched for me earnestly and found me—

18 may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that

day!—and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.

# OVERVIEW

In Week One you read through Paul's letter to Timothy and established context for the book, including the author, the recipient, and perhaps even Paul's purpose in writing. For the next seven weeks you will study the letter verse-by-verse, examining the content of Paul's message to Timothy.

As you begin, pray with the psalmist who says, "Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law." (Psalm 119:18) Our prayer is that you will grow in love for the gospel entrusted to you and in your desire to entrust that treasure to others.

**Read 2 Timothy 1:1-18.**

## 2 TIMOTHY 1

**1. Paul serves God, as did whom? (v. 3)**

**2. What things does Paul remember? (v. 3-5) List them below.**

**3. What does Paul challenge Timothy to do? (v. 6)**

**According to verse 7, why does Paul want Timothy to do this?**

**4. Instead of feeling ashamed of the gospel or of Paul himself, Paul tells Timothy to do what? (v. 8)**

**What did God do for them? (v. 9)**

**5. Why did God do this? (v. 9)**

**6. God's purpose and grace were manifested through the appearance of Jesus. According to verse 10, what did Jesus do when He came?**

**7. Why does Paul suffer? (vv. 11-12)**

**8. Why is Paul unashamed of his suffering? (v. 12)**

**9. What is Timothy instructed to follow? (v. 13)**

**10. What is Timothy charged to guard? (v. 14)**

**Who helps him to do this? (v. 14)**

**11. Of what were Phygelus and Hermogenes, and “all who are in Asia,” guilty? (v. 15)**

**12. List the ways Onesiphorus demonstrated his faithfulness to the gospel and to Paul. (vv. 16-18)**

**Look at 2 Timothy 1:1-5.**



**13. In these first few verses, Paul mentions his own Jewish ancestors as well as Timothy's family. Look up the following references and answer the questions.**

**A. Acts 16:1-2. What information does this provide regarding Timothy's family background and heritage?**

**B. Deuteronomy 6:4-9. How seriously were the people of Israel to take their role of teaching the words of God?**

**14. Paul and others had significant influence upon Timothy's faith, and in turn Timothy had a powerful impact upon others. What people have influenced your faith in Christ?**

**How did they do so?**

**Look at 2 Timothy 1:5-7.**

**15. Because a sincere faith dwells in Timothy, what does Paul remind him to do? (v. 6)**

**What has God given us? (v. 7)**

The word “power” in verse 7 comes from the Greek word *dynamis* and can be translated as miraculous power, ability, or abundance.

The word “love” comes from the Greek word *agape* and could be translated as *affection or benevolence*.

The word “self-control” is translated from the Greek word *sophronismos*, which could also be translated as discipline or sound mind.

**16. Considering the definitions above, how are power, love, and self-control contrary to a spirit of fear?**

**Look at 2 Timothy 1:8-10.**

**17. In verse 8, Paul tells Timothy to be unashamed of the testimony about our Lord. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-8. What testimony did Paul hold as utmost importance?**

**18. According to the apostle Paul, God saved us and called us into a holy calling, “not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace.” (v. 9) Look up Ephesians 2:8-9.**

**How are we saved?**

**How are we not saved?**

**19. In 2 Timothy 1:9, we see that God gave us His purpose and grace in Christ before the ages began. Look up the following cross-references and record what you learn about the purposes of God.**

**A. Psalm 33:11**

**B. Daniel 4:34-35**

**C. Ephesians 1:7-12**

**20. Can your works alter God's ageless plan? (v. 9)**

**Does this bring you comfort? Why or why not?**

**Look at 2 Timothy 1:12-14.**

**The word "follow" in verse 13 comes from the Greek word echō and means to own or possess, or to cling to something.**

**21. Timothy is commanded to cling to the pattern of sound words of the gospel that he had heard. What steps can you take to do the same?**

**22. While Timothy is charged to carefully guard what had been entrusted to him, he is not charged to do this alone. In verses 12 and 14 we see that God is ultimately the one who guards this treasure. What does this reveal about the character of God?**

## **REFLECT**

**23. Think back over this week's lesson. What have you learned, or been reminded, about God?**

**24. In the space below, write a prayer of response to what the Lord has taught you through His Word this week.**

## WEEK THREE MEMORIZATION

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“You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.”

2 Timothy 2:1-2

# **PATTERNS: WEEK THREE**

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## 2 TIMOTHY 2:1-13

1 You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, 2 and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. 3 Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4 No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. 5 An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. 6 It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. 7 Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. 8 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, 9 for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the Word of God is not bound! 10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also



may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. 11 The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him;

12 if we endure, we will also reign with Him;

if we deny Him, he also will deny us;

13 if we are faithless, He remains faithful—

for He cannot deny himself.

## OVERVIEW

Paul began his letter to Timothy with the reminder that God had given him a spirit of power, love, and a sound mind. He then charged his disciple to follow the pattern of sound words he had heard from Paul and to guard the good deposit that had been entrusted to him.

As you study 2 Timothy 2, humbly ask the Lord to strengthen your grip on the pattern of sound words that you have heard from others. Thank Him for His faithfulness to guard what has been entrusted to you.

**Read 2 Timothy 2:1-13.**

## 2 TIMOTHY 2

**1. List Paul's instructions in the space below. The first is done for you.**

**v. 1: be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus**

**v. 2:**

**v. 3:**

**v. 7:**

**v. 8:**

**2. What three illustrations does Paul give in relation to suffering in 2 Timothy 2:3-6?**

**vv. 3-4** \_\_\_\_\_

**v. 5** \_\_\_\_\_

**v. 6** \_\_\_\_\_

**Paul concludes these thoughts with what encouragement? (v. 7)**

**3. How is Jesus described in verse 8?**

**4. What do we learn about Christ in verses 11-13?**

**Look at 2 Timothy 2:1.**

The word translated as “strength” in verse 1 is the word *endynamōō* in the Greek. The present tense of this word indicates the need for continual strengthening.

The word translated as “grace” is the word *charis* in the Greek, and it means good will or favor. It refers to the merciful kindness of God that turns souls to Christ, keeps them, and strengthens them.

**5. According to Paul, what is to be the continual source of Timothy’s strength? (v. 1)**

**7. Read the following passages and record what you learn about the strength of the Lord.**

**A. Ephesians 1:18-20**

**B. Colossians 1:29**

**C. 1 Thessalonians 1:5**

**D. 2 Thessalonians 1:11**

**6. What steps can you take to be strengthened continually by the grace of Christ Jesus?**

**How might these steps affect your ministry at home, your workplace, your neighborhood, etc.?**

**Look at 2 Timothy 2:1-2.**

The word “entrust” comes from the Greek verb paratithemi and it means “to place close beside, commit to in a very up-close and personal way, to commit to one’s charge”. It also carries the connotation that the object being committed to someone’s care is valuable.

The word “faithful” is translated from the Greek pistos and means trustworthy or trustful.

The word “men” is translated from the Greek anthropoi and can refer to both men and women, depending on the context.

**8. How does Paul describe the men to whom Timothy is to entrust what Paul had taught him? (v. 2)**

**Read 2 Timothy 1:12-14.**

**9. What had Timothy heard from Paul? (v. 13)**

**10. What do you think is the connection between guarding the good deposit and entrusting it to faithful men and women?**

**11. Who is someone who has entrusted you with the Word of God?**

**How did he or she do so?**

**12. Spend time asking God to show you to whom you can entrust the Word of God.  
Write down any names that He brings to your attention.**

**Look at 2 Timothy 2:3-10.**

**13. What effect does Paul's imprisonment have on the Word of God? (v. 9)**

**How does this truth affect Paul's ability to endure hardship as an apostle?  
(v. 10).**

**How might this truth empower you also to persevere in your ministry?**

**14. Read the following passages and record how they add to your understanding of the gospel and Paul's suffering.**

**A. Philippians 1:12-18**

**B. 2 Timothy 4:17**

**Look at 2 Timothy 2:11-13.**

**15. How do the truths of Paul's statement serve as an encouragement to you?**



**16. Look up the following passages and write down anything that adds to your understanding of Paul's trustworthy statement.**

**A. Numbers 23:19**

**B. Matthew 10:32-33**

**C. Romans 6:5-11**

**D. 1 Corinthians 1:7-9**

**E. Revelation 5:9-10**

**F. Revelation 20:4**

## **REFLECT**

**17. Think back over this week's lesson. What have you learned, or been reminded, about God?**

**18. In the space below, write a prayer of response to what the Lord has taught you through His Word this week.**

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2 TIMOTHY 2:1-2

## **WEEK FOUR MEMORIZATION**

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“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

# **PATTERNS: WEEK FOUR**

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## 2 TIMOTHY 2:14-26

14 Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. 15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. 16 But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, 17 and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, 18 who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some. 19 But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

20 Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable

use, some for dishonorable. 21 Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

22 So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. 23 Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. 24 And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, 25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, 26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by Him to do His will.

# OVERVIEW

In the first half of 2 Timothy 2, Paul instructed his disciple to remember Jesus, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in Paul’s gospel. He wanted to ensure that the “big picture” of the gospel was the driving force behind any action to which these faithful leaders would commit. In light of these truths, he continues his instructions to Timothy.

As you continue your study of 2 Timothy 2, ask the Lord to keep the gospel of Jesus as the driving force behind all that you do.

**Read 2 Timothy 2:14-26.**

## 2 TIMOTHY 2

**1. Fill in the chart below with Paul’s commands and any reasonings that he gives.**

VERSE	CHARGE/COMMAND	REASONING
14		
15		
16/17		
22		



VERSE	CHARGE/COMMAND	REASONING
23		
24-25		

**2. How is Timothy to present himself to God? (v. 15)**

**3. What were Hymenaeus and Philetus saying? (vv. 17-18)**

**What was the result of their poisonous doctrine? (v. 18)**

**4. What does God's firm foundation bear? (v. 19)**

**What two things does it declare? (v. 19)**

**5. In verses 20-21, Paul uses a metaphor to describe different kinds of vessels used in daily life. How are they described?**

**What happens to a vessel when it is cleaned? (v. 21)**

**6. If the Lord's servant fulfills the charges given in verses 24-25, what could be the outcome of their obedience? (vv. 25-26)**

**Look at 2 Timothy 2:14 and 24.**

**7. Looking at these two verses, what does Paul reiterate to leaders?**

**Read James 4:1-10.**

**8. According to James, what is the main reason given for quarrels? (vv. 1-2)**

**9. What are the topics and issues you typically find yourself quarreling about?**

**Based on James 4:1-2, what does this reveal about your desires?**

**Look at 2 Timothy 2:15-18.**

**The phrase “irreverent babble” in verse 16 in the Greek is kenophonia and means “empty chatter, a discussion of vain and empty matters, or fruitless discussion.”**

**10. Does it seem like the men Paul mentioned were from outside the church or does it seem like they are members of the community?**

**Read 1 Timothy 1:3-7.**

**11. What does Paul tell Timothy to do? (vv. 3-4)**

**12. What are some examples of false doctrine you encounter regularly?**

**13. In 2 Timothy 2:15 Paul commands Timothy to “rightly handle the Word of Truth.” Look up the following cross-references and record what you learn about handling God’s Word.**

**A. Psalm 1:1-2**

**B. 2 Corinthians 4:2**

**C. 1 Timothy 4:13, 16**

**Look at 2 Timothy 2:22-26.**

**14. With whom is Timothy to pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace? (v. 22)**

**Are there people in your life who can be described by this? If so, who are they?**

**What might it look like for you to pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace in the context of community?**

**15. In verse 24 Paul reminds the leaders they must not be quarrelsome. What does Paul say they must be instead? (vv. 24-25)**

**Which characteristics in verses 24-25 do you see God graciously growing in you?**

**Which characteristics on that list do you struggle with the most?**

**16. How well do you endure evil these days? Are you patiently enduring it, or are you giving in to controversies that breed division and distract from the gospel?**

**Read Ezekiel 36:26-27 and Galatians 5:16-26.**

**17. Based on these passages, what role does the Holy Spirit play in shaping your heart's desires?**

**What role does He play in your ability to flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness?**

**How do these truths encourage or motivate you?**

## **REFLECT**

**18. Think back over this week's lesson. What have you learned, or been reminded, about God?**

**19. In the space below, write a prayer of response to what the Lord has taught you through His Word this week.**

## **WEEK FIVE MEMORIZATION**

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“But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.”

2 Timothy 3:1



# **PATTERNS: WEEK FIVE**

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## 2 TIMOTHY 3:1-9

1 But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. 2 For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, 4 treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. 6 For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, 7 always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth. 8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith. 9 But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men.

## OVERVIEW

2 Timothy 2 concluded with Paul's instructions to flee youthful passions and to pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace. This week you will see that Paul moves from giving specific instructions to giving warnings regarding "the last days."

The Scriptures often refer to this period of time which began after the first coming of Christ and will end with His second coming. (Acts 2:17) What are we to expect from these last days in which we live? As you begin this week's study, ask the Lord to strengthen you with His grace so that you can stand firm in these last days.

**Read 2 Timothy 3:1-9.**

## 2 TIMOTHY 3

**1. How does Paul describe the last days in verse 1?**

**2. List the descriptions of people during the last days. (vv. 2-5)**

**"The pride of self-love is the pervasive deadly sin that grips the human soul and is the foundation sin of all the others. It might be called the sewer out of which the rest of these ugly sins are discharged." - John MacArthur**

**3. How is Timothy commanded to respond to these type of people? (v. 5)**

**4. Among these people are those who do what? (v. 6)**

**The word for "capture" in verse 6 is translated from the Greek word aichmalōtizō and means, to "bring under control, to take captive one's mind, captivate."**

**5. How are these women described? (vv. 6-7)**

**6. How do you think it is possible to be “always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth?”**

**7. How does Paul describe those men who oppose the truth? (v. 8)**

The word “disqualified” in verse 8 is translated from the Greek word *adokimos* and means “rejected, not standing the test, not approved.”

**8. What does Paul tell Timothy will happen to these men? (v. 9)**

**Look at 2 Timothy 3:1-5 again.**

**In these verses Paul predicts that perilous times will come and that they will become more and more frequent and intense as the return of Christ draws near. We find similar warnings from Jesus and in the epistles.**

**9. Look up the following passages and record what you learn about the last days.**

**A. Matthew 24:11-12, 24**

**B. 2 Peter 2:1-2**

**C. 1 John 2:18-19**

## **D. Jude 4**

**Look back at 2 Timothy 3.**

**10. The people Paul describes had an appearance of godliness, but what did they deny? (v. 5)**

**The word “power” in verse 5 is translated from the Greek word *dýnamis* and means “force, miraculous power, usually implying a miracle itself.”**

**11. What do you think it means to have an appearance of godliness, but to deny its power? (v. 5)**

**Read Matthew 23:25-28.**

**12. How did Jesus describe the Pharisees?**

**13. How did they have an appearance of godliness?**

**14. Are there areas in your life where you have been a lover of self or pleasure rather than a lover of God?**

**15. Are there things or people that have taken priority above your relationship with Him?**



**16. Are there situations where you have had only the appearance of godliness but have denied its power?**

**16. Read Psalm 139:23-24. Examine your heart, and write a prayer of confession to the Lord.**

**Read Matthew 7:24-27.**

**17. How does verse 25 describe the house founded on a rock?**

**18. Is your faith built on the solid rock of God's Word? Explain.**

**19. If you answered "No" to question 18, how can you begin today to build on this firm foundation?**

**19. Are there individuals in your life that the Lord is saying to you, "avoid such people"? (2 Tim. 3:5) Ask the Lord for discernment regarding this.**

## **REFLECT**

**20. Think back over this week's lesson. What have you learned, or been reminded, about God?**

**21. In the space below, write a prayer of response to what the Lord has taught you through His Word this week.**

## **WEEK SIX MEMORIZATION**

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“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17

# **PATTERNS: WEEK SIX**

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## 2 TIMOTHY 3:10-17

10 You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness,<sup>11</sup> my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. 12 Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, 13 while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it 15 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

## OVERVIEW

The last days are filled with lovers of self who lead others away from the truth. In our flesh and apart from Christ, this is how every one of us could be described. However, this week you will see that Paul sees a different pattern in the life of Timothy, one that is made possible by the power of the gospel and the indwelling Spirit of God.

In Psalm 1:1 we read that the one who meditates on God's Word "is like a tree, planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers." Begin your time in the Scriptures by asking the Lord to help you to meditate on what you read, so that your life may be like a tree firmly rooted by streams of water.

**Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17.**

## 2 TIMOTHY 3

**1. List all the areas in which Paul says Timothy has followed him. (vv. 10-11)**

**2. What does Paul say regarding the persecutions that he has endured? (v. 11)**

**3. What does he say about everyone who desires to live a godly life in Christ? (v. 12)**

**4. What will happen with evildoers and impostors? (v. 13)**

**5. What are the sacred writings or holy Scriptures able to do? How long has Timothy known them? (v. 15)**

**6. Verse 16 says that all Scripture is breathed out by God. What does this mean? Look up 2 Peter 1:20-21 to help support your answer.**

**Look at 2 Timothy 3 again.**



**List the ways that Scripture is profitable. (vv. 16-17)**

**1.**

**2.**

**3.**

**4.**

**3. How is Timothy commanded to respond to these type of people? (v. 5)**

**4. Among these people are those who do what? (v. 6)**

## **TEACHING:**

The word “teaching” in verse 16 is translated from the Greek word *didaskalia* and means “instruction for our learning; that which is taught, doctrine.”

**Read 1 John 2:20-27.**

**5. How are we taught the truth of God’s Word?**

**As we are taught from God’s Word by the Holy Spirit, then we are able to teach others with the wisdom that God has imparted to us.**

**Read Titus 2:1-10.**

**6. What should we teach others? (v. 1)**

**7. How is Titus told to teach in verses 7-8?**

**8. What group of people in your life might God be calling you to teach?**

## **REPROOF:**

The word “reproof” in verse 16 is translated from the Greek word *elegchos* and means “correction, censure, chastisement, punishment.” In Merriam-Webster dictionary, the definition of “reprove” is “to scold or correct, usually gently or with kindly intent.”

**One of the most important aspects of reproving is that it should always be done in love. Its purpose is to realign ourselves and/or others with the Truth of God’s Word.**

**Read Revelation 3:19.**

**9. Who does Jesus say that He reproves?**

**Read Proverbs 9:7-9.**

**10. How does a wicked man or scoffer respond to reproof?**

**11. How does a wise man respond?**

**12. How do you initially respond to the loving reproof of the Scriptures? Do you respond as a wise man? Explain.**

**13. Are you being reproved by God's Word? If so, where do you need to change?**

## **CORRECTION:**

The word "correction" in verse 16 is translated from the Greek word *epanorthōsis* and means "a straightening up again, rectification (reformation)." Correction refers to the process of making something right. Furthermore, according to Merriam-Webster "correcting" means "conforming to an approved standard." As Christians, our approved standard is Jesus Christ Himself.

**We acknowledge and conform to this standard by studying the life of Jesus and His commands found in His Holy Word. We correct our lives by looking intently into the Word of God, then doing what it says. (James 1:25)**

**Read James 1:22-25.**

**14. What does James say about the person who listens to the Word but does not do what it says?**

**15. What is the result for those who listen to the Word and do what it says?**

**Read Proverbs 10:17.**

**16. What does it say about those who ignore correction?**

**17. Are you regularly in God's Word so that you may hear His correction in your life?  
Explain your answer.**

**18. Where is God correcting you, and what are some tangible steps you can take toward heeding His correction?**

## TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS:

The word “training” in verse 16 is translated from the Greek word *paideia* and it means “instruction which aims at the increase of virtue.” To train in righteousness means that we discipline ourselves to always strive to live a life of purity, reflecting the presence of Christ in our lives.

**Read Psalm 119:9-11.**

**19. How can we keep our lives pure?**

**20. Based on this passage, what are some ways that you can train in righteousness?**

**Look at 2 Timothy 3:16-17 again.**

**21. What is the result of Scripture’s teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness?**

## **REFLECT**

**22. Think back over this week's lesson. What have you learned, or been reminded, about God?**

**23. In the space below, write a prayer of response to what the Lord has taught you through His Word this week.**

## WEEK SEVEN MEMORIZATION

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“I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His Kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.”

2 Timothy 4:1-2



# **PATTERNS: WEEK SEVEN**

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## 2 TIMOTHY 4:1-8

1 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. 5 As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. 6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing.

## OVERVIEW

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable to make His people complete, equipped for every good work. In chapter four, you will see some of the specific ways that it benefits believers as we minister to our broken world.

Before moving into this next section of Paul's letter, humbly ask the Lord to make Psalm 119:14-16 true of you, which reads, "In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches. I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word."

**Read 2 Timothy 4:1-8.**

## 2 TIMOTHY 4

**1. In whose presence does Paul give this charge to Timothy? How does he describe Him? (v. 1)**

**2. What is the charge that he gives to Timothy in verse 2?**

**3. How is Timothy to reprove, rebuke and exhort others? (v. 2)**

**4. According to verses 3-4, how will people begin to respond to sound doctrine?**

**5. What four things does Paul charge Timothy to do in verse 5?**

**1.**

**2.**

**3.**

**4.**

**6. What does Paul predict in verse 6?**

**7. How does he describe the life that he has lived? (v. 7)**

**8. What is now laid up for Paul? (v. 8)**

**Given by whom?**

**Who else will receive this reward? (v. 8)**

**Read Titus 1:1-3.**

**9. What was entrusted to the apostle Paul that he is now entrusting to Timothy?**

**Read 1 Timothy 6:3-5.**

**10. How are those described who teach “a different doctrine that does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ”?**

**Look back at 2 Timothy 4.**

The word “sober” in verse 5 is translated from the Greek word *nēphō*. It means “to be calm and collected in spirit, to be temperate, dispassionate, circumspect.”

**11. Look up the following references regarding being sober-minded and record what you learn.**

**A. 1 Peter 1:13**

**B. 1 Peter 4:7**

**C. 1 Peter 5:8**

**In 2 Timothy 4:7, Paul says with confidence that he has fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith.**

**Read Hebrews 12:1-3.**

**12. What are we specifically encouraged to do as we, like the apostle Paul, run the race that is set before us?**

**13. How are you doing in each of these areas? Explain your answers underneath each area mentioned below.**

**Laying aside the sin that clings to you**

**Running with endurance**

**Looking to and fixing your eyes on Jesus**

**14. Do you have the assurance and confidence that there is a crown of righteousness stored up for you? Why or why not? (2 Tim. 4:8)**

**Read Luke 12:35-38.**

**15. How are the servants described that are waiting and watching for their master's return?**

**Read I Corinthians 16:13.**

**16. In the same way, how are we to wait and watch for Christ's return?**

## **REFLECT**

**17. Think back over this week's lesson. What have you learned, or been reminded, about God?**

**18. In the space below, write a prayer of response to what the Lord has taught you through His Word this week.**



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2 TIMOTHY 4:5

## **WEEK EIGHT MEMORIZATION**

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“As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”

2 Timothy 4:5

# **PATTERNS: WEEK EIGHT**

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## 2 TIMOTHY 4:9-22

9 Do your best to come to me soon. 10 For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. 11 Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. 12 Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. 13 When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. 14 Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. 15 Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. 16 At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! 17 But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. 18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and

bring me safely into His heavenly Kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

19 Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. 20 Erastus remained at Corinth, and I left Trophimus, who was ill, at Miletus. 21 Do your best to come before winter. Eubulus sends greetings to you, as do Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brothers. 22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

# OVERVIEW

2 Timothy is Paul’s final letter to his beloved disciple, Timothy. In it, we have seen Paul’s devotion to Christ, to the gospel entrusted to him, and to those he shepherded.

Last week, we read Paul’s exhortation to “always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.” As you close out your time in this letter, ask God to give you discernment and confidence to fulfill the ministry to which He is calling you.

**Read 2 Timothy 4:9-22.**

## 2 TIMOTHY 4

**1. Fill in the chart below, listing the people that Paul mentions and record what you learn about them.**

VERSE	NAME	DETAILS
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11		
12		
13		

VERSE	NAME	DETAILS
14-15		
20		

**2. How did people respond to Paul after Alexander opposed his message? (vv. 15-16)**

**3. What did Paul say regarding those who did not defend him? (v. 16)**

**Why was he able to respond this way? (vv. 17-18)**

**Read 2 Timothy 4:16-18 again.**

**4. Look up the following cross-references and record any similarities you see between these passages and Paul's response regarding those who did not defend him.**

**A. Matthew 5:43-45**

**B. Luke 23:34**

**C. Acts 7:59-60**

**D. 1 Peter 2:21-23**

**5. How might knowing the presence and power of God enable you to forgive those who disappoint or sin against you?**

**Look back at 2 Timothy 4:17-18.**



**6. Whose presence was most significant to Paul in his ministry? (v. 17)**

**Why did God stand by Paul and strengthen him? (v. 17)**

**What is Paul sure that God would do for him? (v. 18)**

**7. How do the truths in verses 17-18 motivate you to share the Word of God without fear?**

**8. Look up the following cross-references. Record what you learn about the presence of God:**

**A. Psalm 16:8-9**

**B. Matthew 28:20**

**C. John 14:16**

**REFLECT**

**The Word of God is the living and active sword of the Spirit, with the ability to discern the thoughts and intentions of your heart. (Heb. 4:12-13, Eph. 6:17) As we close out our study of 2 Timothy, prayerfully answer the following questions.**

**9. What has God revealed to you, or reminded you, about Himself through your time in His Word over the past eight weeks?**

**10. How has the Spirit used the Scriptures to discern the thoughts and intentions of your heart?**

**11. What specific ways is God asking you to apply what He has taught you?**

**How might God be calling you to fulfill your ministry in your spheres of influence?**