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2 Timothy 1:8-18

# 2 Timothy

## Running the Race of Faith

Week 02

April 19, 2026

## Do Not Be Ashamed of the Gospel

Introduction & Review (*Philippians 1:21; 1 Timothy 1:15; Acts 1:8*)

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ (*2 Timothy 1:7-8; Genesis 2:25, 3:7-8*)

2. The \_\_\_\_\_

A. The Gospel is \_\_\_\_\_ (*2 Timothy 1:8-12, 3, 15, 1; Romans 1:16, 1; Ephesians 2:8, 1:4*)

B. The Gospel is Guarded by \_\_\_\_\_ (*2 Timothy 1:12; Galatians 1:11-12*)

**C. The Gospel Must Be \_\_\_\_\_** (2 Timothy 1:13)

**D. The Gospel is Guarded by \_\_\_\_\_** (2 Timothy 1:12-14, 4:14-15; 1 Timothy 6:20; Luke 11:21)

**3. The \_\_\_\_\_** (2 Timothy 1:15-18, 8)

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### **Discussion Questions (2 Timothy 1:8-18)**

1. Why did Rome condemn Paul as a criminal? (2 Timothy 2:8-9) What problem did this condemnation create for Paul and the gospel he preached? (2 Timothy 1:8, 15)
2. What can cause people (including you) to be ashamed? (Genesis 2:25, 3:7-8; 2 Timothy 1:7-8) Why might Timothy have been tempted to be ashamed of Paul and “the testimony of the Lord”? Why is this a major problem? (Acts 1:8) How does our culture seek to shame Christians, especially those who proclaim the true gospel of Jesus Christ? Have you ever been tempted to be ashamed of the Gospel?
3. In 2 Timothy 1:9-14 Paul explains reasons why Timothy and all believers should not be ashamed of the gospel or its messengers. What reasons does he give? What do these reasons tell us about the value and importance of the gospel? (Romans 1:16) How might these reasons help you fight the temptation to be ashamed of the gospel?
4. In 2 Timothy 1:12 Paul says God guards the gospel and in verse 2 Timothy 1:4 he commands Timothy to guard the gospel. How do these verses fit together? What does this say about everything God commands us to do?
5. In 2 Timothy 1:15-18 we are given examples of those who were ashamed of Paul (and certainly his gospel) and one who remained faithful to Paul (and certainly his gospel). What can we learn from these examples? In a culture that ridicules and rejects those who make a stand for the gospel (like Paul did), how can you be more like Onesiphorus who remained faithful to Paul?