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STUDY GUIDE

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CHAPTER

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THE BOOK OF

2 TIMOTHY

Fight the Good Fight



2 Timothy 3

If you are new to the Story of the Bible or would like to review the Story:
Listen to the following TMTB Podcasts:

The Story: Understanding the “Big Story” (30 min)

Old Testament: Walk Through the Broad Story (27 min)

Timeline: New Testament Beginnings (35 min)

Letters: Paul’s Writing to the Churches–Part 1 (30 min)

REVIEW

In 1 Timothy, Paul instructs Timothy on how he should conduct himself in Ephesus in light of Paul’s absence. Timothy is warned about the Judaizers who would cause problems in the church at Ephesus. If Timothy was not careful, he would be led astray in his ministry.

Unfortunately, it appears that Timothy failed to heed Paul’s warnings and did indeed go astray in his faith. Thus, Paul writes 2 Timothy in order to exhort Timothy to “kindle afresh” his faith and ministry.



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MONDAY

Listen to the 2 Timothy 3 podcast.

TUESDAY

The phrase “*last days*” goes back to the Old Testament. In fact, the phrase is used 13 times.

Read Genesis 49:1; Numbers 24:14; Deuteronomy 4:30; 31:29; Isaiah 2:2; Jeremiah 23:20; 30:24; 49:39; Ezekiel 38:16; Hosea 3:5; Micah 4:1; Daniel 10:14.

Now read Acts 2:17; 2 Timothy 3:1; and James 5:3.

How do these passages form your understanding of the “*last days*?”



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WEDNESDAY

Read Genesis 4:1-9.

When did the persecution of believers begin?

Read Matthew 23:35. This verse covers the first martyr in the Old Testament (Abel) until the last martyr in the Old Testament (Zechariah).

Read John 15:18.

Was Jesus persecuted?

Were His disciples persecuted?

Was Paul persecuted?

Did Paul tell Timothy to expect persecution?

So, should we expect persecution as a believer?



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THURSDAY

Reflect on your personal knowledge and understanding of the Scriptures.

Do you know the story?

Often we equate theological arguments and doctrinal positions that are defended by verses (usually taken out of context to defend said view) with the understanding of Scripture.

Reread 2 Timothy and take special note of how Paul refers to the Scriptures as the source of encouragement for Timothy.

FRIDAY

In 1 Timothy 1:5 Paul states that the *“goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.”*

Now reread 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

Do these things match? If so, how?