

## EPISTLES FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

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### 2 Timothy 2

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Here are the three keys we took away from Chapter 1:

1. A Faith That is \_\_\_\_\_, Not Just \_\_\_\_\_

PAUL REMINDED TIMOTHY THAT WHILE HIS FAITH STARTED WITH HIS GRANDMOTHER LOIS AND MOTHER EUNICE, IT HAD TO BECOME HIS OWN CONVICTION. WE DISCUSSED HOW "INHERITED FAITH" NEVER LASTS UNLESS IT IS PERSONALLY EMBRACED AND "STIRRED UP" INTO ACTION.

2. The Antidote to \_\_\_\_\_

PAUL FAMOUSLY TOLD TIMOTHY THAT GOD HASN'T GIVEN US A SPIRIT OF FEAR, BUT OF POWER, LOVE, AND SELF-CONTROL.

- POWER TO GET THE JOB DONE.
- LOVE TO FOCUS ON OTHERS INSTEAD OF OUR OWN SAFETY.
- SELF-CONTROL TO STAY THE COURSE WHEN OUR EMOTIONS TELL US TO RUN.

3. Refusing to be \_\_\_\_\_

IN A WORLD THAT SAW PAUL AS A "CRIMINAL" AND A "FAILURE," PAUL CHALLENGED TIMOTHY NOT TO BE ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OR ITS PRISONERS. HE POINTED TO CHRIST—THE ONE WHO ABOLISHED DEATH—AS THE REASON WE CAN STAND TALL. PAUL'S CONFIDENCE WASN'T IN HIS OWN STRENGTH, BUT IN THE FACT THAT GOD IS ABLE TO GUARD WHAT WE ENTRUST TO HIM UNTIL THE VERY END.

***The Big Idea:** We aren't called to a comfortable, popular religion; we are called to a holy mission that requires supernatural courage. As Paul said, we don't just talk about the Gospel, we are willing to endure for it.*

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### SUPERNATURAL STRENGTH

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#### 2 TIMOTHY 2:1-3 NET 2ND ED.

1 SO YOU, MY CHILD, BE STRONG IN THE GRACE THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS. 2 AND ENTRUST WHAT YOU HEARD ME SAY IN THE PRESENCE OF MANY OTHERS AS WITNESSES ENTRUST TO FAITHFUL PEOPLE WHO WILL BE COMPETENT TO TEACH OTHERS AS WELL. 3 TAKE YOUR SHARE OF SUFFERING AS A GOOD SOLDIER OF CHRIST JESUS.

4. The Christian message is not about the first century, but about \_\_\_\_\_—the "Year of our Lord."

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5. There was a "BC," a time "before Christ," but there will never be a time "after Christ." He will never be \_\_\_\_\_.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ are living, active, and powerful. They are the voice of God that directly addresses the hearts and minds of His people in every generation.
7. The Bible extends beyond the cultures of men and addresses the \_\_\_\_\_ of every human being.
8. Paul shared it with Timothy, Timothy was to entrust it to faithful people, and those people were to teach it to others. This was the blueprint for the future. The goal was always the faithful transmission of a \_\_\_\_\_, not the mere establishment of an \_\_\_\_\_.

*The Big Idea: We don't update the Gospel to fit a changing world; we rely on the unchanging power of the Spirit to faithfully pass down the Message, even when it costs us everything.*

2 TIMOTHY 2:4-6 NET 2ND ED.

4 NO ONE IN MILITARY SERVICE GETS ENTANGLED IN MATTERS OF EVERYDAY LIFE; OTHERWISE HE WILL NOT PLEASE THE ONE WHO RECRUITED HIM. 5 ALSO, IF ANYONE COMPETES AS AN ATHLETE, HE WILL NOT BE CROWNED AS THE WINNER UNLESS HE COMPETES ACCORDING TO THE RULES. 6 THE FARMER WHO WORKS HARD OUGHT TO HAVE THE FIRST SHARE OF THE CROPS.

### A SOLIDER, AN ATHLETE, A FARMER

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9. A good soldier of Christ keeps their focus on pleasing the \_\_\_\_\_ rather than becoming entangled in the temporary affairs of this life. While this may seem like an intense standard, it isn't an admonition against living in the world; it is a call to not be \_\_\_\_\_ by the things that rule this world.

2 TIMOTHY 2:7-10 NET 2ND ED.

7 THINK ABOUT WHAT I AM SAYING AND THE LORD WILL GIVE YOU UNDERSTANDING OF ALL THIS. 8 REMEMBER JESUS CHRIST, RAISED FROM THE DEAD, A DESCENDANT OF DAVID; SUCH IS MY GOSPEL, 9 FOR WHICH I SUFFER HARDSHIP TO THE POINT OF IMPRISONMENT AS A CRIMINAL, BUT GOD'S MESSAGE IS NOT IMPRISONED! 10 SO I ENDURE ALL THINGS FOR THE SAKE OF THOSE CHOSEN BY GOD, THAT THEY TOO MAY OBTAIN SALVATION IN CHRIST JESUS AND ITS ETERNAL GLORY.

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10. God does not always give us every piece of information, but He gives us everything we \_\_\_\_\_. There is a major difference between having a mountain of information and actually knowing what to do with it. God provides not only the necessary truth but also the \_\_\_\_\_ to apply it.
11. This isn't about a cultural religion; it is about a \_\_\_\_\_ connected to a \_\_\_\_\_ established by the One who overcame death, brought hope, and offered immortality.

*The Big Idea: We find the strength to endure not by focusing on our chains or our comforts, but by fixing our minds on the Risen Savior whose Word cannot be imprisoned.*

2 TIMOTHY 2:11-13 NET 2ND ED.

- 11 THIS SAYING IS TRUSTWORTHY: IF WE DIED WITH HIM, WE WILL ALSO LIVE WITH HIM.  
12 IF WE ENDURE, WE WILL ALSO REIGN WITH HIM. IF WE DENY HIM, HE WILL ALSO DENY US.  
13 IF WE ARE UNFAITHFUL, HE REMAINS FAITHFUL, SINCE HE CANNOT DENY HIMSELF.

### IF WE... HE WILL

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12. "If we died with him, we will also live with him." Jesus became the perfect sacrifice for us. When we surrender \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives for His sake, we gain the only kind of life that truly lasts. This is the life only He can give.
13. "If we endure, we will also reign with Him." We do not serve a king whose kingdom can be toppled or taken over by another. He rose, and because He is Victorious, we will one day \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with Him in His eternal Kingdom.
14. "If we deny Him, He also will deny us." All that He offers is available to those who take hold of Him. The condition is clear: we experience the fullness of Christ when we \_\_\_\_\_ the fullness of Christ.
15. "If we are unfaithful, He remains faithful, since He cannot deny Himself." This is the beauty of His character. Even when we stumble or fall, He does not change His mind or rescind His offer. He continues to offer life to anyone and everyone who will receive it because His faithfulness is based on \_\_\_\_\_, not on what we do.

*The Big Idea: Our security is not found in our own perfection, but in the unwavering faithfulness of a King who died to give us life and reigns to give us a future.*

2 TIMOTHY 2:14-15 NET 2ND ED.

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14 REMIND PEOPLE OF THESE THINGS AND SOLEMNLY CHARGE THEM BEFORE THE LORD NOT TO WRANGLE OVER WORDS. THIS IS OF NO BENEFIT; IT JUST BRINGS RUIN ON THOSE WHO LISTEN. 15 MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PRESENT YOURSELF BEFORE GOD AS A PROVEN WORKER WHO DOES NOT NEED TO BE ASHAMED, TEACHING THE MESSAGE OF TRUTH ACCURATELY.

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### A GOOD WORKER

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16. People are held accountable by \_\_\_\_\_ Himself in the area of their \_\_\_\_\_.

17. We are to teach the Word with \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Big Idea:** *Because the Word of God is the only power capable of reaching the world and reigning forever, we must move past empty arguments and invest ourselves in the disciplined study of Scripture, ensuring that our words accurately reflect the Truth we will one day stand before God to answer for.*

2 TIMOTHY 2:16-17 NET 2ND ED.

16 BUT AVOID PROFANE CHATTER, BECAUSE THOSE OCCUPIED WITH IT WILL STRAY FURTHER AND FURTHER INTO UNGODLINESS, 17 AND THEIR MESSAGE WILL SPREAD ITS INFECTION LIKE GANGRENE. HYMENAEOUS AND PHILETUS ARE IN THIS GROUP.

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### BE CAREFUL WITH YOUR WORDS

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18. The real danger of this quarrelsome spirit is that it creates a cycle of \_\_\_\_\_; it pulls people further and further away from a right relationship with God, and those who cause the division are never satisfied with the distance they create.

**The Big Idea:** *We must guard our speech and our circles with extreme care, because while the Truth leads to life, quarreling over words acts as a spiritual poison that produces ungodliness and creates a distance from God that is never satisfied.*

2 TIMOTHY 2:18-21 NET 2ND ED.

18 THEY HAVE STRAYED FROM THE TRUTH BY SAYING THAT THE RESURRECTION HAS ALREADY OCCURRED, AND THEY ARE UNDERMINING SOME PEOPLE'S FAITH. 19 HOWEVER, GOD'S SOLID FOUNDATION REMAINS STANDING, BEARING THIS SEAL: "THE LORD KNOWS THOSE WHO ARE HIS," AND "EVERYONE WHO CONFESSES THE NAME OF THE LORD MUST TURN AWAY FROM EVIL." 20 NOW IN A WEALTHY HOME THERE ARE NOT ONLY GOLD AND SILVER VESSELS, BUT ALSO ONES MADE OF WOOD AND OF CLAY, AND SOME ARE FOR HONORABLE USE, BUT OTHERS FOR IGNOBLE USE. 21 SO IF SOMEONE CLEANSSES HIMSELF OF SUCH BEHAVIOR, HE WILL BE A VESSEL FOR HONORABLE USE, SET APART, USEFUL FOR THE MASTER, PREPARED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK.

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### THE MEN WHO SWERVED

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19. \_\_\_\_\_ the resurrection is denying its reality, this is the work of the false teachers.
20. The words of [2 Timothy 2: 19](#) remind us that God can distinguish between the genuine and the false, but they also remind us of our own \_\_\_\_\_: if we claim His name, we must walk away from \_\_\_\_\_.
21. Just as the faithful had to distance themselves from Korah, we must distance ourselves from anything that decays our \_\_\_\_\_.

***The Big Idea:** Because God's foundation is secure and His eyes see the heart, our greatest priority is to cleanse ourselves from the "poison" of false teaching and dishonorable living so that we can be useful vessels, prepared for the Master's service.*

### 2 TIMOTHY 2:22-26 NET 2ND ED.

22 BUT KEEP AWAY FROM YOUTHFUL PASSIONS, AND PURSUE RIGHTEOUSNESS, FAITHFULNESS, LOVE, AND PEACE, IN COMPANY WITH OTHERS WHO CALL ON THE LORD FROM A PURE HEART. 23 BUT REJECT FOOLISH AND IGNORANT CONTROVERSIES, BECAUSE YOU KNOW THEY BREED INFIGHTING. 24 AND THE LORD'S SLAVE MUST NOT ENGAGE IN HEATED DISPUTES BUT BE KIND TOWARD ALL, AN APT TEACHER, PATIENT, 25 CORRECTING OPPONENTS WITH GENTLENESS. PERHAPS GOD WILL GRANT THEM REPENTANCE AND THEN KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH 26 AND THEY WILL COME TO THEIR SENSES AND ESCAPE THE DEVIL'S TRAP WHERE THEY ARE HELD CAPTIVE TO DO HIS WILL.

### FLEEING AND PURSUING

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22. You don't just run \_\_\_\_\_ something; you must run \_\_\_\_\_ something else.

#### **A SERVANT OF THE LORD MUST BE:**

23. Kind to \_\_\_\_\_
24. Able to \_\_\_\_\_
25. \_\_\_\_\_ enduring evil

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***The Big Idea:** Because only God has the power to grant repentance and break the devil's trap, His servants must trade the "passion" of winning arguments for the "discipline" of kindness, patience, and a pure heart.*