

ENDURANCE TO *Win* THE PRIZE

A STUDY OF 2 TIMOTHY



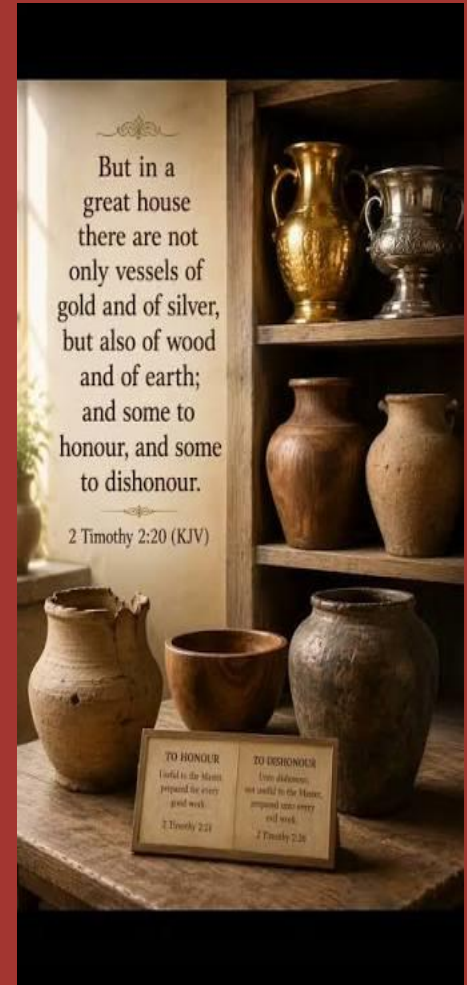
I HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT,
I HAVE FINISHED THE RACE,
I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH.

— 2 TIMOTHY 4:7 —

WEEK 4

2 Timothy 2:14-26

Being a Clean Vessel:
Choosing Holiness
Over Happiness



Approx. date	Paul: location and event	Timothy's role
AD 49–50	Lystra: Paul takes Timothy as a coworker (Acts 16:1–3)	Joins Paul's ministry
AD 52–55	Ephesus: Paul ministers for about three years (Acts 19:1–10)	Coworker; assists Paul's mission
AD 55–57	Paul leaves Ephesus and travels through Macedonia and Greece (Acts 20:1–4)	Continues serving the mission
AD 60–62	Rome: Paul writes Ephesians while imprisoned (Eph. 3:1; 6:20)	No explicit evidence that Timothy was pastor in Ephesus at this time
c. AD 62–65*	Paul leaves Timothy in Ephesus to address false teaching (1 Tim. 1:3)	Trusted apostolic representative; responsible for correcting error
c. AD 64–67*	Paul writes 2 Timothy from imprisonment, traditionally identified as Rome	Timothy receives Paul's final charge

*Dates for the later ministry and letters are approximate reconstructions; scholars differ on Paul's final chronology.

EPHESUS

in the Days of Paul & Timothy

c. AD 60–67

(Late 1st Century)

Second Roman imprisonment of Paul
2 Timothy written from prison in Rome

KEY INSIGHTS FOR 2 TIMOTHY

- Paul is in a Roman prison in Rome (2 Tim. 1:16–17)
- Timothy is in Ephesus (2 Tim. 1:3)
- Timothy charged to guard the teaching, oppose false teachers, and shepherd the church (2 Tim. 1–4)
- Church meets in homes (Rom. 16:5; 1 Cor. 16:19; Col. 4:15; Philem. 2)

HARBOR

Harbor basin protected by breakwaters. Ephesus was a major port city.

WHERE HOMES WERE LOCATED

Homes (*domus* and *insulae*) filled the neighborhoods behind the main streets and public buildings. Families, craftsmen, merchants, and laborers lived in these areas. The early church met in homes.

JEWISH PRESENCE

- Jews lived in Ephesus from at least the 3rd century BC.
- Archaeological evidence includes synagogue and inscriptions.
- Paul reasoned in the synagogue (Acts 18:19; 26; 19:8).
- Likely located in the lower (harbor-side) part of the city.

PANAYIRDAĞ (Mt. Coressus)

North Gate

Great Theater
(cap. 24–25,000)
Used for public assembly (Acts 19:29–41)

State Agora
(Political & civic center)

Arcadian Way
(Commercial street)

Temple of Artemis
(Artemision)
One of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World
(Acts 19:24–27)

Commercial (Tetraonon)
Agora / Marketplace

Baths of Scholastica

Curetes Street
(Main street through the city)

Jewish Quarter
Located near the harbor side of the city
(Acts 18:19; 19:8; 17:17)
Archaeology confirms a Jewish presence with synagogues.

Synagogue
(Archaeological remains found in this area)

Ancient Harbor Channel
(silted over in later centuries)

South Gate

MAJOR ROADS

To Pergamum (≈ 62 miles / 100 km)
To Smyrna (≈ 39 miles / 56 km)
To Laodicea (≈ 95 miles / 152 km)

LEGEND

- Public / Civic Buildings
- Religious / Sacred
- Residential Areas (Homes & *Insulae*)
- Jewish Quarter and Synagogues
- Later Structures (built after Paul's time)

PAUL'S CONTEXT DURING 2 TIMOTHY

- Paul is a prisoner in Rome (2 Tim. 1:16–17).
- He writes to Timothy in Ephesus, encouraging him to remain faithful, teach sound doctrine, and guard the church.
- Threats from false teachers and pressure from society were real (2 Tim. 3–4).

NOT ON THIS MAP (LATER THAN PAUL'S TIME)

- Library of Celsus (built c. AD 110–117)
- Temple of Domitian (built c. AD 90s)
- Many expanded baths and monuments

NOTE: This map reflects archaeological evidence and historical research for Ephesus in the mid-1st century (AD 50–70), the time of Paul's ministry and Timothy's work in Ephesus.

SCALE (FEET)

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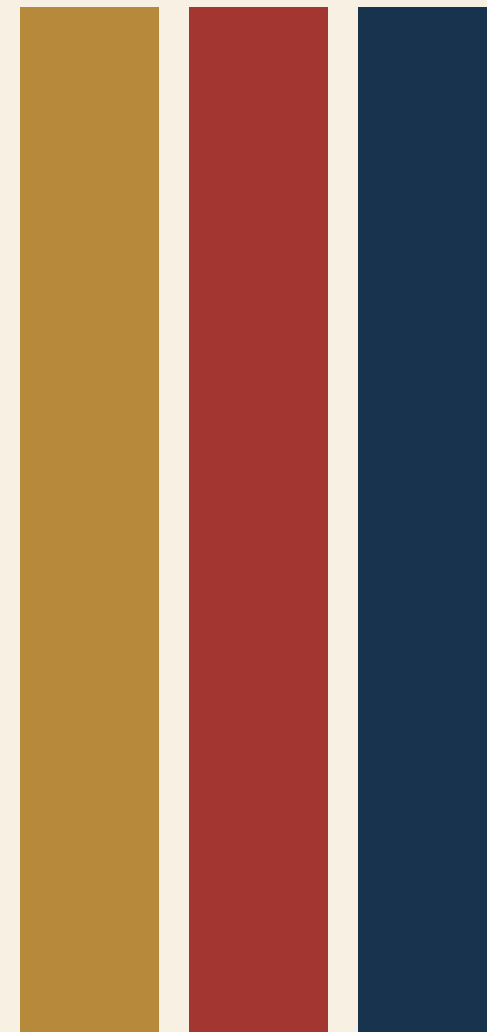
(1,250 ft = 1/4 mile)



“And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

“I am the LORD
your God;
consecrate
yourselves and be
holy (*KUDOSH*),
because I am holy.”

Leviticus 11:44







MAKARIOS



BLESSED

