

## Bible Study – Outline

### II Timothy

#### How to Remain Strong

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| <u>Author</u>       | Paul  |
| <u>Date Written</u> | Approx. 66 or 67 AD – most likely from prison in Rome |
| <u>Audience:</u>    | Timothy   |
| <u>Key Places:</u>  | Rome, Ephesus   |

#### Major Theme(s)

Guard the Truth  
Be strong in the Lord  
Avoid the traps and pitfalls of life  
Preach the Word

#### Key People

Paul, Timothy

Paul had three reasons for writing to Timothy.

1. Paul was lonely. Phygelus and Hermogenes, “everyone in the province of Asia” (1:15), and Demas (4:10) had all deserted him. Crescens, Titus and Tychicus were away (4:10–12), and only Luke was with him (4:11). Paul wanted very much for Timothy to join him also. Timothy was his co-worker (Ro 16:21), who “as a son with his father” (Php 2:22; see note there) had served closely with Paul (see 1Co 4:17). Of him Paul could say, “I have no one else like him” (Php 2:20). Paul longed for Timothy (1:4) and twice asked him to come soon (4:9, 21).
2. Paul was concerned about the welfare of the churches during this time of persecution under Nero, and he admonished Timothy to guard the gospel (1:14), to persevere in it (3:14), to keep on preaching it (4:2) and, if necessary, to suffer for it (1:8; 2:3).
3. Paul wanted to write to the Ephesian church through his letter to Timothy.

Paul is concerned about the welfare of the churches during this time of persecution under Nero, and he admonishes Timothy to keep on preaching the gospel and, if necessary, to suffer for it.

## II Timothy

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| <b>I. Introduction</b>  | <b>1:1-4</b>   |
| <b>II. Paul's Concern for Timothy</b>   | <b>1:5-14</b>  |
| <b>III. Paul's Situation</b>  | <b>1:15-18</b> |
| <b>IV. Special Instructions to Timothy</b>  | <b>2</b>       |
| The Job Description of a Faithful Pastor  |                |
| A. Call for Endurance<br>Teacher<br>Soldier of God<br>Athlete who completes by the rules<br>Patient | 2:1-13         |
| B. Warning about Foolish Controversies<br>Diligent<br>Instrument of God<br>Gentle servant teacher   | 2:14-26        |
| <b>V. Warning about the Last Days</b>   | <b>3</b>       |
| A. Terrible Times - Time of Apostasy  | 3:1-9          |
| B. Means of Combating Them  | 3:10-17        |
| <b>VI. Paul's Departing Remarks</b>   | <b>4:1-8</b>   |
| A. Charge to Preach the Word  | 4:1-5          |
| B. Paul's Victorious Prospect   | 4:6-8          |
| <b>VII. Final Requests, Greetings and Benediction</b>   | <b>4:9-22</b>  |

### Key Scriptures

II Tim. 1:1

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

II Tim. 1:6-7 \*

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. <sup>7</sup> For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

II Tim. 1:8 \*

So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God.

II Tim. 1:14

Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

II Tim. 2:8

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel,

II Tim. 2:20-21

\*

In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use. <sup>21</sup> Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.

II Tim. 2:22

Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

II Tim. 3:1-5

\*

But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. <sup>2</sup> People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, <sup>4</sup> treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— <sup>5</sup> having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

II Tim. 3:12

In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted

II Tim. 4:1-3

\*

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: <sup>2</sup> Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. <sup>3</sup> For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine, Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

II Tim. 4:6-8

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> Now there is in store 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 longed for his appearing.

II Tim. 4:16-18

At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them.<sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth.<sup>18</sup> The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

\* refer to the notes for these verses in the Life Application Bible (NIV)

### **The Pitfalls and Traps**

- Battles over words
- Dangerous passions and temptations
- A rebellious attitude

### **Guard (1:14)**

- Guard the truth by exercising the spiritual gift God has given you 1:6-7
- Guard the truth by suffering patiently 1:8, 3:12
- Guard the truth by following the pattern of sound teaching 1:13

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What is the good deposit entrusted to us? Why must we guard it and how? II Tim. 1:13-14
2. What are the demands of a Christian life? How do we obtain the strength and what is the reward? II Tim. 2
3. Are the evil traits mentioned in II Tim. 3:1-9 similar to those of today?
4. Is persecution happening today? Do you feel persecuted, or have you experienced persecution?
5. What is the power and purpose of scripture as explained by Paul? How do these verses affect the way you study God's word? II Tim 3:10-17
6. How are we to declare the truth we have been given? II Tim. 4:1-5

### **Resources Used**

Adventuring Through the Bible by Ray Stedman  
Life Application Bible (NIV) - Zondervan and Tyndale House.  
[www.biblestudytools.com](http://www.biblestudytools.com)  
[www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com)