
INTERNATIONAL TRAINING AND EQUIPPING MINISTRIES

ITEM Ministries

LESSONS FOR LEADERS FROM 2 TIMOTHY

I. Greetings (1:1-2)

II. Encouragement From Paul Who is in Prison (1:3-18)

- A. Use your spiritual gift, and depend on God's power (1:3-7)
- B. Do not be ashamed of the Lord, and be willing to suffer for Him (1:8-12)
- C. Keep preaching truth, and guard the treasure, which is God's Word (1:13-14)
- D. A personal word from Paul about his friends (1:15-18)
 1. Phygelus and Hermogenes were not faithful to Paul while in Asia. (1:15)
 2. Onesiphorus was faithful to Paul while in Rome (1:16-18)

III. Exhortation To Faithful Endurance In Ministry (2:1-26)

- A. Exhortation to endure in ministry (2:1-13)
 1. Teach others who will teach others (2:1-2)
 - This requires finding, and teaching faithful men who will teach others what you teach them
 2. Endurance in ministry requires being willing to suffer hardship like Paul (2:3-7)
 - a. Suffer hardship like a soldier (2:4)
 - b. Be disciplined like an athlete (2:5)
 - c. Work hard like a farmer (2:6)
 3. Remembering Christ's sacrifice helps us endure hardship, and suffering (2:8-13)
- B. Exhortation to faithfulness in life, and ministry (2:14-26)
 1. Be faithful in your ministry (2:14-19)
 - a. Remind them of what Paul just taught (2:14)
 - b. Be diligent to handle the Word of God accurately (2:15)
 - c. Avoid empty, or worldly (ungodly) talk (or preaching) (2:16-19)

- Such things will lead some astray as it did to Hymenaeus, and Philetus

2. Be faithful in your conduct (2:20-26)
 - a. Be a useful vessel for your master, the Lord (2:20-21)
 - b. Commands that lead to a godly life when they are followed. (2:22-26)
 - 1) Flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace (2:22)
 - 2) Avoid speculating, which leads to arguments (2:23)
 - 3) Be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, and correcting the opponents of truth with gentleness (2:24-26)

- This way of speaking to the opponents of truth is the best way to lead them to repentance

IV. The pastor's call realizing we are in the last days (3:1-4:8)

- The last days actually began when Jesus came the first time.

- A. Godlessness in the last days (3:1-9)
 - 1. The character of godless teacher (3:1-5)
 - 2. An example of the victims of godless teachers (3:6-7)
 - 3. The foolishness of godless teachers (3:8-9)
- B. Proclaim the Word in the last days (3:10-4:8)
 - 1. Even when things get worse and worse follow Paul's example. (3:10-13)
 - Notice that all who live godly in Christ will be persecuted. (3:12)
 - 2. Continue in what you know is true, and profitable (3:14-4:5)
 - a. The sacred writings (the Bible) is able to bring salvation (3:14-15)
 - b. All Scripture is inspired and profitable for meeting every spiritual need, or challenge (3:16-17)
 - c. Preach the word while people are still willing to listen (4:1-5)
 - Preaching includes reproof, rebuking, and exhorting (3:2b)
 - 3. All who love the appearing of Christ will receive a crown of righteousness as Paul knew he would. (4:6-8)
- V. Conclusion (4:9-22)**
 - A. Paul reviews who has stood with him, and who has deserted him, then asked Timothy to bring his parchments (his books). (4:9-18)
 - B. Final greetings (4:19-21)
 - C. Final prayer (4:22)