

2 Timothy

CHAPTER 1:8-12

Lesson 15

Be not ashamed. I am not ashamed. Paul used the phrase *not ashamed* twice in this section of 2 Timothy (verses 8 and 12). In between these two verses, Paul gave Jesus the glory for his confidence and why he was willing to suffer. May you be encouraged and challenged as you soak in Paul's Reason and his example.

Read 2 Timothy 1:8-12

1. Read through this week's verses using at least 2 different Bible translations or paraphrases. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they are about?
2. The contrasting word, *but*, is used three times in these five verses. Choose one instance of its use and record what is being contrasted.
4. Jesus Christ is the center of these verses. List what 2 Timothy 1:8-12 reveal about Him.

Read 2 Timothy 1:8

1. 2 Timothy 1:8 begins with the term of conclusion, *therefore*, based on the statement in verse 7. What did Paul declare?
 - a. What is the connection between what we have, as declared in verse 7, to *not being ashamed of the testimony of our Lord*?
 - b. Consider Jesus' *testimony* about Himself in John 3:13-18. What did He *testify*?
 - 1.) According to Mark 8:31, what did Jesus *teach* His disciples?
 - 2.) Using Luke 24:6, record the words of the angels in the empty tomb.
 - c. Why do you believe the *testimony of Jesus*?
2. In spite of the fact that Jesus' *testimony* has been proven among many, what are some reasons Christians are *ashamed* of His *testimony*?
3. Paul called for Timothy to also *not be ashamed of him*, identifying himself as a *prisoner* of the Lord. What might be some differences in being *ashamed of the testimony of our Lord* and being *ashamed of Paul as a prisoner*?
 - a. Meditate on the exhortation of Hebrews 13:3. What are your thoughts?

4. Rather than being *ashamed*, what did Paul encourage Timothy to do? 2 Timothy 1:8

5. Ponder the words in Romans 12:15. In what ways does practicing this encourage someone who is in any kind of difficulty?

6. ... *according to the power of God* (2 Timothy 1:8). The power of God is always there, but it is not always there to remove the difficulty. Sometimes it is there to see us through the difficulty. Using your own words (and experience) describe *the power of God*.

Read 2 Timothy 1:9

1. Record the first phrase of verse 9.
 - a. He *saved* us. Bask in the words of Titus 3:4,5 as you write them in your own words.

 - b. He *called us with a holy calling*. Bask in the words of Romans 8:28-30 as you write them in your own words.

2. Consider the words of Romans 11:6. What part do good deeds or *works* play in your salvation?

3. Although Deuteronomy 7:7,8 is a direct application to the nation of Israel, how might you apply this to God's care for you?

4. What does Ephesians 1:4 declare about Jesus?

5. Share a few thoughts as you revel in the fact that God has *saved* you, *called* you, and has had a *purpose* for you since *before time began*.

a. In what ways are these truths beneficial to you?

Read 2 Timothy 1:10

1. According to 2 Timothy 1:10, how were God's *purposes revealed*?

a. Given this truth, reflect on the significance of Jesus' words.

2. What did Jesus *abolish*?

a. What did Jesus promise in John 11:25,26?

1.) What changes has this truth made in your life?

3. What two things did Jesus *bring*?

a. Using John 5:24 and John 14:6, record the words of Jesus about the *life* that He has *brought* to those who believe.

b. Describe how your life on this earth has changed as a result of the new *life* you now have because of Jesus.

c. Describe how you expect your *life* in Heaven will be because of Jesus.

4. The *abolishing of death* and *the bringing forth of life* has been made possible *through the gospel* (2 Timothy 1:10). What did Jesus declare about the *gospel* in Mark 1:15?

Challenge: The word *gospel* occurs 101 times in the New Testament. Choose two of those times and explain why you chose them.

Read 2 Timothy 1:11,12

1. Paul declared himself to be *appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles*. What did he say about the *appointment* in Ephesians 3:7,8?
2. Scan 1 Timothy 1:12 and list the verbs that Paul used.
3. Consider the words of Acts 9:16 and reflect upon how Paul was appointed both to *preach* the gospel and to *suffer* for it.

Challenge: List some examples of Paul's *sufferings*.

4. Paul's response to his suffering, as stated in 2 Timothy 2:12, was *nevertheless I am not ashamed*. Using the rest of this verse, share the reasons for Paul's confidence.
 - a. What are you *persuaded* that the Lord will *keep* for you?

Review 2 Timothy 1:8-12

1. In what ways were you encouraged by these verses?

challenged by these verses?

2. Share two things about how believing the gospel has affected your life.

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ,
for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes*

- Romans 1:16