

2 Timothy

CHAPTER 2:1-13

Lesson 17

As Christians, we are stewards of the spiritual treasure God has given us. It is crucial that our treasure be based on God's word. The Christian life presents many challenges. God has provided the resources to stand. He is faithful to all He has declared. May you be encouraged by Paul's words.

Read 2 Timothy 2:1-13

1. Read through this week's verses using at least two 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 term of conclusion, *therefore*, is used three times in this section of 2 Timothy 2. Choose one instance of its use. Record the conclusion and what it is based upon.
3. The contrasting word, *but*, is used in 2 Timothy 2:9. Record what is being contrasted.

Read 2 Timothy 2:1,2

1. What is the first instruction that Paul gave to Timothy?

2. 2 Timothy 2 begins with the term of conclusion, *therefore*. The statement(s) which follow are based on the truths of chapter one. Scan the chapter and list some of the truths that would encourage you to be *strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus*.

3. *Grace* is God's unearned favor towards the believer. What do you learn about *grace* from the following verses?

Romans 5:2

2 Corinthians 8:9

Ephesians 2:8,9

4. We are to be *strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus*. Record the instructions or examples given in the following verses:

1 Corinthians 16:13

2 Corinthians 12:9,10

Ephesians 6:10

Philippians 4:3

5. Although we are to trust in His grace and even rest in His grace, Paul instructed Timothy to *be strong in His grace*. Explain what you think Paul was calling us to do when he wrote, *be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus*.
6. Timothy was to *commit these things* (Paul's teachings) *to faithful men*. Describe the *faithfulness* Paul was probably looking for.

Read 2 Timothy 2:3-6

1. Paul used three examples of *enduring hardship*. List each example. Record the example Paul applied to each and how each example might apply to *enduring hardship*.
2. Thoughtfully consider and reflect upon the words of Hebrews 12:3 as you consider what Jesus *endured* for you.

Read 2 Timothy 2:7-10

1. This section begins with the words, *Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things*. Define the words:

Consider

Understanding

a. What does it say to you that we must first *consider* God's word before He will give us *understanding*?

1.) What affect should *understanding* God's word have?

2. What was important for Timothy to *remember*?

a. What does Hebrews 12:3 exhort us to do?

1.) How might *considering Him* help you *endure hardships*?

3. Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 2:9 that he *suffered as an evildoer, even to the point of chains*. Chains had limited Paul. What did Paul boldly declare was not limited or *chained*?

a. What do you think Paul meant by that?

4. At this moment in Paul's life, he was experiencing no earthly *glory*. Rather he was wrongly viewed as an *evildoer*. He knew that one day he would see the *glory* and share the *glory* with Jesus. Why is this a good reminder to us when we are *suffering*?

Read 2 Timothy 2:11-13

1. 2 Timothy 2:11-13 begins with the words, *This is a faithful saying*. Using these verses, complete the chart:

If...	We know...

a. In what ways are you personally encouraged by these verses?

2. Ponder and reflect upon the following cross references as they relate to each *faithful saying*.

- if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him.

Romans 6:5

2 Corinthians 13:4

- if we endure, we shall also reign with Him.

Matthew 19:29

Romans 8:17

- if we deny Him, He also will deny us.

Matthew 10:33

1 John 2:23

- if we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

2 Thessalonians 3:3

Titus 1:2

Hebrews 6:18

a. In light of Paul's exhortations to *endure suffering*, how do these *faithful sayings* and accompanying verses impact you?

