

A Study of the Epistles of Paul

(NT Survey Lesson 187--2 Timothy 2)

Introduction: The exhortations of this epistle almost entirely center upon the work of the evangelist. In this chapter Paul continues to give Timothy various illustrations and commands that will help him understand and fulfill his work as a man of God, a teacher of the gospel.

Lesson aim: To take note of the features of a good evangelist.

Exhortations to Timothy as a young evangelist--2 Tim. 2:1-26

1. How does Paul refer to Timothy? In what was Timothy urged to be strong?
2. What two qualities were to characterize those to whom Timothy committed the gospel? Does the word "men" in v. 2 refer to males only?
3. Paul urged Timothy to do what in v. 3?
4. Paul used three illustrations to teach three different principles about the work of the evangelist. What are those three illustrations and what do they teach us about the life and work of a gospel preacher?
5. What was Timothy instructed to remember?
6. For whose sake was Paul willing to endure all things? Why?
7. Some think Paul might have been quoting an early hymn of the church in v. 11-13. What was the message of that song? How might that message be important to Paul in view of his situation?
8. What are the consequences of "wrangling about words"? (v. 14).
9. What was Timothy urged to be diligent or "study" to do? What does it mean to "rightly divide" the word of truth?
10. Why was Timothy to avoid worldly and empty chatter or "profane and vain babblings?"

11. What error was taught and by whom? What was its results?
12. Though some were teaching error and leading others from the faith, had the firm foundation of God been torn down? What two "inscriptions" are engraved upon this "foundation"? (v. 19)
13. A house contains what two kinds of vessels? How might the Christian prove himself to be a vessel of honor in God's house?
14. From what was Timothy to flee? What was he to follow or pursue?
15. What was Timothy to refuse? (v. 23) Why?
16. What features should a gospel teacher have in order to lead others to the truth?
17. What did Paul say about those in opposition to the truth?