

A Study of the Epistles of Paul (NT Survey Lesson 188--2 Timothy 3)

Introduction: As Paul reflects upon the future he sees hard times down the road for Timothy. In this chapter he urges Timothy to prepare himself for difficult times and tells him how to conduct himself in view of them.

Lesson aim: To be aware of how to prepare ourselves for those times when the preaching of the gospel is difficult.

Difficult times to come--2 Tim. 3:1-9

1. What did Paul foresee? (v. 1)
2. Why would these be difficult or perilous times?
3. Make a list of the features of men that make the teaching of the gospel difficult and give a brief definition.
4. Among whom do the false teachers of whom Paul speaks make their converts?
5. What O.T. characters opposed the truth? How did Paul describe such men? What did Paul say about such men? (v. 9)

Charge to Timothy in view of difficult times--2 Tim. 3:10-17

1. What did Paul urge Timothy to do?
2. What did Paul remember about his journeys through Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra? What did he say the Lord did?
3. Did Paul believe persecution was inevitable for Christians?
4. What did Paul say would happen to evil men?
5. How did Paul motivate Timothy to continue in the things he had learned? (v. 14-15)

6. What had Timothy known from childhood? What are the results of knowing them?
7. What two things did Paul say about all Scripture? For what are the Scriptures profitable?
8. What do the Scriptures do for the man of God?