

Men's Bible Study - 2 Timothy

Chapter 2

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Paul has reminded Timothy of his pastoral calling. Now Paul deals practically with the local church and the pastor's special responsibilities. He presents several pictures of the local church, showing the various ministries God has for His people and their pastor. The local church is: (Weirsbe)

- I. **God's Family** (2:1) - Read 1Cor.4:15 - What family reference do you find? Read Eph.2:19 - The local church is God's _____. Read John 3:1-6 - How may someone enter God's kingdom? _____
Read 1Peter 1:23 - What role does God's Word play in this family relationship? _____

- II. **God's Treasury** (2:2) - Read 1Tim.6:20 and 1Tim.1:11. How is what has been entrusted to both Paul and Timothy like a deposit? _____
_____. What important process can be seen regarding Paul and Timothy? _____

- III. **God's Army** (2:3-4) - "Christians must learn how to endure hardship for Christ. Timothy was discouraged because of the persecution he was facing, but he should have expected opposition." (Weirsbe) Do you see your Christianity as a military duty? _____
_____. If you do, then what priority should it have in your life? _____
_____. Read 2:4 and 2Peter 2:20. How are we to guard against the entanglements of the world? _____
Read Eph. 6:10 - What are we to rely upon for success? _____

- IV. **God's Team** (2:5) - Read Phil.3:12-14. If we are going to prioritize our life, making Christ first, what does this passage say about perseverance? _____

How can Eph.6:10 be helpful (from previous question)? _____

- V. **God's Garden** (2:6-7) - Read 1Cor. 3:6-9. Describe the relationship between the workers. _____. Who's garden is it? _____
_____. How are the rewards determined for each worker? _____
_____, What this say to you about your service to the Lord? _____

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VI. **Christ's Body on Earth** (2:8-13) - None of us like suffering. How does Paul handle suffering and why does he tolerate it? _____
_____. Discuss: Can a person die with Christ but not live with Him? _____

VII. **God's School** (2:14-18) - In this section Paul issues a warning about useless disputes and the problems that can arise from them. Can anyone argue with another for them to gain spiritual enlightenment? _____
How can a person discover or know the truth of God's Word? _____

How do false teachings upset peoples faith? _____
What responsibility does every believer have to know the truth? _____

VIII. **God's House** (2:19-26) - v.20 says - *"Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor"* What is meant by different vessels?

Read 2 Cor. 6:14 - 7:1 - (the biblical doctrine of separation) Why is this important?

Read vs.'s 23, 24 - Why does quarreling not work? _____

Vs's 25 and 26 give us a guide to handling people in opposition. Read Eph. 6:12 - What connection do you see between this verse and 2Tim. 2:26? _____

Take time to read through these categories again and pray for God's guidance fore in each one.