
INSTRUCTIONS OF GOD IN THE LETTERS FROM PAUL

DEDUCTIVE LESSON SEVEN

2 Timothy 1

Day One: Verses 1–5

Read 2 Timothy 1:1–5. Then answer the following questions.

1. Compare Paul's greeting (verses 1–2) to the greeting he used in 1 Timothy 1:1–2. What slight wording differences are there?

2. Verses 3–5 are one long sentence. Break these verses down into many simple sentences.

3. Paul said that he served God with a pure conscience. How can a conscience be purified, according to Hebrews 9:13–14?

4. Paul was mindful of Timothy's tears. God is mindful of our tears as well. What does Psalm 56:8 tell us?

5. While the meaning of the name Lois is unknown, we do know the meaning of the name Eunice. It is made up of two Greek words: eu (pronounced yoo), which means “well done” or “good,” and nike (pronounced nee-kay), which means “victory.”ⁱ Look up the following verses, which not only contain one of these words, but most likely describe the life of this godly woman.

Matthew 25:21 (eu)

Acts 15:29 (eu)

Ephesians 6:2–3 (eu)

1 John 5:4 (nike)

Scripture Memory: The Scripture Memory verse is 2 Timothy 1:7.

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”
2 Timothy 1:7

Day Two: Verses 6–7.

Read 2 Timothy 1:6–7 and answer the following questions.

1. What does Paul remind Timothy to do, in verse 6?

2. What does 1 Peter 4:10 say on this subject?

3. Write out your memory verse (2 Timothy 1:7) below.

4. What do the following verses say about fear?

1 John 4:18

Romans 8:14–15

Hebrews 12:28–29

Scripture Memory: Fill in the missing words from memory.

“For God has not given us a spirit of _____, but of power and of love and of a _____ mind.” 2 Timothy 1:___

Day Three: Verse 8

Read 2 Timothy 1:8.

1. Paul encourages Timothy not be ashamed of the Lord’s testimony. Why wasn’t Paul ashamed of the gospel of Christ (Romans 1:16)?

2. Paul invites Timothy to share in his sufferings for the gospel. Why types of things did Paul suffer, according to 2 Corinthians 11:24–28?

3. What did Jesus say about sharing in His sufferings?

Matthew 5:10–12

4. What did Peter say on this subject in 1 Peter 4:12–14?

Scripture Memory: Fill in the blanks from memory.

“For _____ has not given us a spirit of _____, but of power and of _____ and of a _____ mind.” — Timothy ____:____

Day Four: Verses 9–12

Read 2 Timothy 1:8–12.

1. Verses 8–11 are one very long sentence! Since we looked at verse 8 yesterday, we will break down verses 9–11 today. Below is a simplified list of all the points Paul made in these verses, along with some Scripture references that expand on those points. Choose 3 or 4 of these points and look up the corresponding references. Report your findings.

God has saved us. (Exodus 15:2; John 3:17)

God has called us with a holy calling. (John 6:44; Romans 8:30)

God has not saved or called us according to our works. (Galatians 2:16; Isaiah 64:6)

God has saved and called us according to His own purpose and grace. (Ephesians 1:11; Ephesians 2:8)

Grace was given to us in Christ Jesus. (Romans 3:24; John 1:17)

Christ Jesus existed before time began. (John 1:1; Colossians 1:17)

God’s purpose and grace have been revealed by the appearing of our Savior. (1 John 4:9; John 6:40)

Christ has abolished death. (Hosea 13:14; Revelation 21:4)

1. What further encouragement does Paul give to Timothy in verses 13–14?

2. What good things did Paul have to say about Onesiphorus?

3. Onesiphorus “often refreshed” Paul. Proverbs 11:25 says, “He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed” (NIV). Let’s look an example of this principle in the Old Testament. Read Exodus 2:11–22.

Why did Moses need refreshing?

In what way did Moses refresh others?

How was Moses himself refreshed?

4. What does Acts 3:19 say?

5. How can we refresh our Lord (Proverbs 25:13)?

Scripture Memory: Write out the complete Scripture Memory verse below.

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Day Six: Personal Application

1. Paul started out his second epistle to Timothy with the words "grace, mercy, and peace." Think of someone you know who is really in need of God's grace, mercy, and peace. Write a prayer for that person below, addressing their need for grace, mercy, and peace in three separate sentences (or more).

2. It is probable that the faith of Lois and Eunice helped to play a part in Timothy's own conversion, since our text mentions that they came to faith before him. Do you desire to leave a legacy of faith among friends and family? Describe this desire briefly below.

Is there a Lois or a Eunice in your life? If so, write their name or initials below and give thanks to God for them now. _____

3. God has not given us a spirit of fear, but that doesn't mean we are never afraid. What are some fears that have troubled your mind lately? Write them below and then ask God to replace that fear with the Spirit of power and love and of a sound mind.

