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# INSTRUCTIONS OF GOD IN THE LETTERS FROM PAUL

## DEDUCTIVE LESSON EIGHT

2 Timothy 2

**Day One:** Verses 1–5

Read 2 Timothy 2:1–5.

1. What instructions does Paul give to Timothy in verses 1–2?

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2. Paul told Timothy to be strong in grace. What did he say on this topic in 2 Corinthians 12:7–10?

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3. “You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ” (verse 3). Paul mentioned waging the “good warfare” in his first letter to Timothy as well (see 1 Timothy 1:18). What does Paul say about this warfare in 2 Corinthians 10:3–5?

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4. What does 2 Timothy 2:4 mean? What are some examples of “the affairs of this life?”

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5. What truth is found in 2 Timothy 2:5?

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6. Although you recently looked up this passage in a previous lesson, read through 1 Corinthians 9:24–27 again. What else do these verses say about competing in athletics?

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**Scripture Memory:** This week's Scripture Memory verse is 2 Timothy 2:15.  
"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15

**Day Two:** Verses 6–8.

Read 2 Timothy 2:6–8 and answer the following questions.

1. Verse 6 says that the hardworking farmer must be first to partake of the crops. What do these verses say about harvesting spiritual crops?

Luke 10:2

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John 4:35–38

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1 Corinthians 3:6–9

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Isaiah 28:24–26

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2. What title does Paul use for Jesus Christ, in 2 Timothy 2:8?

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What did Christ Himself say in John 12:24?

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**Scripture Memory:** Fill in the missing words from memory.

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of \_\_\_\_\_." 2 \_\_\_\_\_:15

**Day Three:** Verses 9–13

Read 2 Timothy 2:8–13 and answer the following questions.

1. What do verses 9 and 10 tell us about Paul's suffering?

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2. "If we died with Him, we shall also live with Him" (Verse 11). What did Paul say in Galatians 2:20?

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3. "If we endure, we shall also reign with Him" (Verse 12). What does 1 Peter 4:13 tell us?

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4. "If we deny Him, He will also deny us" (Verse 12). What were Jesus' words in Luke 9:26?

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5. "If we are faithless, He remains faithful" (Verse 13). How did Paul rephrase this sentiment in Romans 3:3–4?

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6. "He cannot deny Himself" (Verse 13). What does Numbers 23:19 say?

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7. Truly, verses 11–13 are a faithful saying. Copy them again below.

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**Scripture Memory:** Fill in the blanks from memory.

"Be \_\_\_\_\_ to present yourself approved to \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_." 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Day Four:** Verses 14–19

Read 2 Timothy 2:14–19 and answer the following questions.

1. Verse 15 is your memory verse as you know. Break it down into smaller sentences, beginning each sentence with "I will..."

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2. What should we shun and why?

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3. What example did Paul give of this type of talk?

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4. What seals are placed on the foundation of God, according to verse 19?

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5. What did Jesus say in John 10:11–15?

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6. What do these verses say about “departing from iniquity?”

Job 28:28

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Psalms 34:14

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Colossians 3:5, 8

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**Scripture Memory:** Fill in the missing words from memory.

“Be \_\_\_\_\_ to present yourself approved to \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ who does not need to be \_\_\_\_\_, rightly \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.” \_\_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_\_

**Day Five:** Verses 20–26

Read 2 Timothy 2:20–26.

1. What do verses 20–21 say about being a vessel?

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2. Jeremiah 18:1–6 also speaks about being a vessel in the Lord’s hands. What is the main point of that passage?

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3. What further advice does Paul give Timothy, in verses 22 and 23?

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4. List the characteristics of a good servant, mentioned by Paul. Circle the one that you are weakest in.

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5. Verses 25 and 26 remind us of one of the outcomes for which we hope, as we serve the Lord. What is that?

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6. Jesus put it simply in John 8:32. What did He say?

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

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### **Day Six:** Personal Application

1. This chapter began with Paul's exhortation to Timothy to "be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." To be strong, one must exercise his muscles. What are some exercises that strengthen your spiritual muscles?

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2. Endure, engage, commit, hardship, warfare, hardworking, compete, suffer, trouble, chains, strive, diligent, worker, pursue, servant. These are all words Paul used in this chapter to describe the Christian life. What thoughts come to mind as you consider these words? What do these words say about your current situation, your past, or your future?

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3. "If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself" (2 Timothy 2:13). Spend a few moments contemplating the faithfulness of God in contrast to your own unfaithfulness. Write a few sentences of prayer to God after doing so.

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4. Whether you are a vessel of gold or silver, wood or clay, the Master has use for you. The important thing is to be clean—a vessel fit for service. Do you want to be used by the Lord? Allow Him to form you into the vessel He wants you to be (not the vessel you want you to be) and you just worry about being clean and ready for His use. Pray to the Master and ask Him to mold you into the vessel of His choosing, that you may be "prepared for every good work." Write down any thoughts you may have on the matter.

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5. Write the name or initials of someone who is in opposition to God. Pray verses 25 and 26 for them now.

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<p><b>Scripture Memory:</b> Write out the complete Scripture Memory verse below.</p> <p>" _____ _____ _____</p> <p>_____ " _____ : _____</p>
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**Prayer Requests:**

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