**An Outline of 2 Timothy**

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*\*Introduction –1:1–2*

* *The author (1)*
  + *The means of Paul’s apostleship*
  + *The purpose of Paul’s apostleship*
* *The recipient (2a)*
* *The greeting (2b)*

1. Personal Notes (1:3–4:8)
2. Paul is thankful for many good memories (1:3–5)
3. Paul remembers Timothy (3).
4. Paul remembers Timothy’s tears (4).
5. Paul remembers Timothy’s faith (5).
6. Paul calls Timothy to many good things (1:6–4:8)
7. Cultivate your gift (1:6–7).
   1. What is this gift?
   2. What must Timothy do with his gift?
   3. How can Timothy do this?
   4. Why should Timothy stir up his gift?
8. Refuse to be ashamed of Jesus or Paul (1:8–18).
9. Positive and negative commands (8–12a)
   * 1. Negative command: Don’t be ashamed (8a)
     2. Positive command: Join in suffering (8b–12a)
        1. The cause of suffering (8c)
        2. The means of suffering (8d–12a)

* More about God’s power (9–10)
* More about the gospel (11–12a)

1. Positive and negative examples (12b–18)
2. A good example (12b–14)
3. Many negative examples (15)
4. Another good example (16–18)
5. Join in the suffering (2:1–13).
6. Commands (1–2)
7. Be strong (1).
8. Teach men (2).
9. Illustrations (3–7)
10. Soldier: avoid getting entangled in civilian matters (3–4)
11. Athlete: compete according to the rules (5)
12. Farmer: work hard to enjoy the crops (6–7)
13. Examples (8–10)
14. Christ (8)
15. Paul (9–10)
16. Formula (11–13)
17. Avoid certain things (2:14–26).
18. Timothy’s obligation as a worker: Charge others and rightly handle God’s Word to avoid destructive false teachers (2:14–19)
19. How to help others (14)
20. Remind others (14a).
21. Warn others (14b).
22. How to tend to yourself (15–19)
23. Give every effort to be approved (15).
24. Avoid godless chatter (16–19).
25. Timothy’s obligation as a vessel: Cleanse yourself from dishonorable things (2:20–21)
    * 1. The analogy (20)
      2. The exhortation (21)
26. Timothy’s obligation as a servant: Flee youthful passions and have nothing to do with ignorant controversies (2:22–26)
27. Three commands for the Lord’s servant (22–23)
28. Flee
29. Pursue
30. Reject
31. A final description of the Lord’s servant (24–26)
32. Respond appropriately to people of the last days (3:1–9).
    1. He must know something about the last days (1–5a).
    2. He must avoid someone in the last days (5b–9).
33. Follow right things (3:10–17).
34. You have followed me (10–13).
35. You must remain faithful to the scriptures (14–17).
36. Focus on the most important things (4:1–8).
37. A solemn charge to preach the Word (1–4)
38. A call to fulfill his ministry (6–8)
39. Final Notes (4:9–18)
40. Come to Rome (9–13).
    1. Come to see me because the others have left (9–11a).
    2. Bring John Mark (11b).
    3. I sent Tychicus to Ephesus (12).
    4. Bring my cloak, books, and parchments with you (13).
41. Beware of Alexander (14–15).
42. God stood by me in my preliminary hearing (16–18).

*\*Conclusion – 4:19–22*