

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)*

I. Personal Notes (1:3–4:8)

A. Paul is thankful for many good memories (1:3–5).

1. Paul remembers Timothy (3).
2. Paul remembers Timothy's tears (4).
3. Paul remembers Timothy's faith (5).

B. Paul calls Timothy to many good things (1:6–4:8).

1. Cultivate your gift (1:6–7).
 - a. What is this gift?
 - b. What must Timothy do with his gift?
 - c. How can Timothy do this?
 - d. Why should Timothy stir up his gift?
2. Refuse to be ashamed of Jesus or Paul (1:8–18).
 - a. Positive and negative commands (8–12a)
 - 1) Negative command: Don't be ashamed (8a)
 - 2) Positive command: Join in suffering (8b–12a)
 - a) The cause of suffering (8c)
 - b) The means of suffering (8d–12a)
 - More about God's power (9–10)
 - More about the gospel (11–12a)
 - b. Positive and negative examples (12b–18)
 - 1) A good example (12b–14)
 - 2) Many negative examples (15)
 - 3) Another good example (16–18)
3. Join in the suffering (2:1–13).
 - a. Commands (1–2)
 - 1) Be strong (1).
 - 2) Teach men (2).
 - b. Illustrations (3–7)
 - 1) Soldier: avoid getting entangled in civilian matters (3–4)
 - 2) Athlete: compete according to the rules (5)
 - 3) Farmer: work hard to enjoy the crops (6–7)
 - c. Examples (8–10)
 - 1) Christ (8)
 - 2) Paul (9–10)



- d. Formula (11–13)
- 4. Avoid certain things (2:14–26).
 - a. Timothy’s obligation as a worker: Charge others and rightly handle God’s Word to avoid destructive false teachers (2:14–19).
 - 1) How to help others (14)
 - a) Remind others (14a).
 - b) Warn others (14b).
 - 2) How to tend to yourself (15–19)
 - a) Give every effort to be approved (15).
 - b) Avoid godless chatter (16–19).
 - b. Timothy’s obligation as a vessel: Cleanse yourself from dishonorable things (2:20–21).
 - 1) The analogy (20)
 - 2) The exhortation (21)
 - c. Timothy’s obligation as a servant: Flee youthful passions and have nothing to do with ignorant controversies (2:22–26).
 - 1) Three commands for the Lord’s servant (22–23)
 - a) Flee
 - b) Pursue
 - c) Reject
 - 2) A final description of the Lord’s servant (24–26)
- 5. Respond appropriately to people of the last days (3:1–9).
 - a. He must know something about the last days (1–5a).
 - b. He must avoid someone in the last days (5b–9).
- 6. Follow right things (3:10–17).
 - a. You have followed me (10–13).
 - b. You must remain faithful to the scriptures (14–17).
- 7. Focus on the most important things (4:1–8).
 - a. A solemn charge to preach the Word (1–4)
 - b. A call to fulfill his ministry (6–8)
- II. Final Notes (4:9–18)
 - A. 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).
 - B. Beware of Alexander (14–15).
 - C. God stood by me in my preliminary hearing (16–18).

**Conclusion – 4:19–22*

