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2 Timothy: 99 Questions and Answers



2 Timothy, Chapter 1

About the Author and Recipient:

1. Who wrote this letter?

Paul wrote this letter.

2. Who is Paul?

Paul is an apostle of Jesus Christ, chosen by God.

3. Who is this letter written to?

It is written to Timothy, whom Paul calls his beloved son.

4. What is Timothy's relationship to Paul?

Paul considers Timothy like a son.

About the Greeting and Prayer:

5. What does Paul wish for Timothy?

Paul wishes for grace, mercy, and peace for Timothy.

6. From whom do these blessings come?

They come from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

7. How does Paul feel about Timothy?

Paul remembers Timothy in his prayers and greatly desires to see him.

8. What does Paul remember about Timothy's family?

Paul remembers the genuine faith of Timothy's grandmother Lois and mother Eunice.

9. What does Paul believe about Timothy's faith?

Paul is persuaded that Timothy also has this genuine faith.

About Spiritual Gifts and Encouragement:

10. What does Paul remind Timothy to do?

Paul reminds Timothy to stir up the gift of God within him.

11. How did Timothy receive this gift?

Timothy received it through the laying on of Paul's hands.

12. What kind of spirit did God give us?

God gave us a spirit of power, love, and self-control, not fear.

13. What should Timothy not be ashamed of?

Timothy should not be ashamed of the testimony of Jesus or Paul's imprisonment.

14. What does Paul encourage Timothy to do regarding suffering?

Paul encourages him to share in the sufferings of the gospel through God's power.

About Salvation and God's Purpose:

15. How has God saved and called us?

God saved and called us by His own purpose and grace, not by our actions.

16. When was this grace given to us?

It was given to us in Christ Jesus before the world began.

17. When was this grace revealed?

It was revealed by the appearing of Jesus Christ.

18. What did Jesus Christ bring through the gospel?

He abolished death and brought life and immortality to light.

19. What was Paul appointed to be?

Paul was appointed a preacher, apostle, and teacher of the Gentiles.

About Perseverance and Trust:

20. What does Paul suffer for?

Paul suffers for the gospel.

21. Is Paul ashamed of his suffering?

No, Paul is not ashamed.

22. Why is Paul not ashamed?

He knows and is persuaded of whom he has believed.

23. What does Paul believe God is able to do?

He believes God is able to keep what he has committed to Him until the final day.

24. What should Timothy follow?

Timothy should follow the pattern of sound teaching.

25. In what should Timothy follow this teaching?

He should follow it in faith and love that is in Christ Jesus.

26. What should Timothy guard?

He should guard the treasure that was committed to him.

27. Through whom is this treasure guarded?

It is guarded through the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

About Others Mentioned:

28. Who has turned away from Paul?

All those in Asia, including Phygelus and Hermogenes, have turned away.

29. Who does Paul pray for mercy for?

Paul prays for mercy for the house of Onesiphorus.

30. What did Onesiphorus do for Paul?

He often refreshed Paul and was not ashamed of his chains.

31. What did Onesiphorus do when he arrived in Rome?

He searched for Paul diligently and found him.

32. What does Paul wish for Onesiphorus on that day?

Paul wishes that Onesiphorus may find mercy from the Lord on that Day.

33. Where else did Onesiphorus minister to Paul?

He ministered to Paul in many ways at Ephesus.

2 Timothy, Chapter 2

I. Core Discipleship and Enduring Hardship (Verses 1–7):

1. Where should Timothy find his strength?

(V. 1) He should be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2. What is Timothy commanded to do with the things he learned from Paul?

(V. 2) He must share them with faithful men who will, in turn, be able to teach others also.

3. What military image does Paul use to describe the Christian's duty?

(V. 3) The Christian is called to endure hard times as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

4. Why must a soldier on active duty avoid civilian affairs?

(V. 4) The soldier must focus completely on his duty so that he may please the officer who enlisted him.

5. What lesson does the athlete provide for ministry?

(V. 5) We must compete according to the established rules (legally) to be rewarded.

6. What reward should the hard-working farmer receive first?

(V. 6) The farmer who labors should be the first to partake of the crops.

7. Who ultimately grants understanding of these difficult concepts?

(V. 7) The Lord grants understanding in all things if we consider what He is saying.

II. The Foundation of the Gospel (Verses 8–13)

8. What central historical fact does Paul remind Timothy to remember?

(V. 8) Remember Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead and descended from David.

9. How does Paul describe his current circumstances while preaching the Gospel?

(V. 9) He is suffering trouble, even being chained like a criminal.

10. Despite Paul's imprisonment, what cannot be restrained?

(V. 9) The word of God is not bound.

11. Why does Paul endure suffering?

(V. 10) He endures for the sake of the elect, so they may obtain salvation and eternal glory.

12. According to the faithful saying, what is the guarantee for those who die with Christ?

(V. 11) If we die with Him, we shall also live with Him.

13. What is the consequence if a believer denies Christ?

(V. 12) If we deny Him, He also will deny us.

14. If believers are unfaithful or fail, how does God respond?

(V. 13) He remains faithful, because He cannot deny Himself.

**III. Handling the Word and False Teaching
(Verses 14–19):**

15. **What activity should Timothy command people to avoid?**
(V. 14) He must command them not to argue about words, which leads to destruction and is of no value.
16. **What is the key characteristic of a workman who does not need to be ashamed?**
(V. 15) He must study diligently and rightly divide (correctly handle) the word of truth.
17. **What is the danger of engaging in "profane foolish babblings"?**
(V. 16) They will increase to more ungodliness.
18. **How does Paul describe the destructive spread of false doctrine?**
(V. 17) He says their word will spread like disease.
19. **What specific theological error did Hymenaeus and Philetus teach?**

(V. 18) They taught that the resurrection had already occurred.

20. What are the two seals (inscriptions) on God's firm foundation?

(V. 19) "The Lord knows those who are His," and "Let everyone who calls on the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

IV. Conduct and Gentleness in Ministry (Verses 20–26):

21. In the analogy of the large house, what determines whether a vessel is for honor or dishonor?

(V. 20) Some vessels (like gold/silver) are for honor, while others (like wood/clay) are for dishonor, based on their use.

22. How does a Christian become a “vessel for honor”?

(V. 21) One must cleanse himself from things of dishonor to be sanctified and fit for the Master's use.

23. **What should Timothy flee?**
(V. 22) He should flee youthful desires.
24. **What virtues should Timothy pursue?**
(V. 22) He should pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace.
25. **What is the consequence of engaging in foolish and unlearned debates?**
(V. 23) They inevitably create strife (quarrels).
26. **How must the servant of the Lord behave toward all people, including opponents?**
(V. 24) He must not quarrel, but be gentle, able to teach, and patient.
27. **What is the hope when gently instructing those in opposition?**
(V. 25–26) The hope is that God will grant them repentance to know the truth and escape the snare of the devil.

2 Timothy, Chapter 3

1. What does the Bible mean by "perilous times" in the last days?

- "Perilous times" refer to difficult, dangerous, and distressing periods characterized by specific negative human behaviors and societal decay.

2. When are these "last days" mentioned in the passage?

- The "last days" refer to the entire period between Christ's first coming and His second coming, which is the time we are currently living in.

3. What are some negative traits people will show in these perilous times?

- People will be selfish, greedy, boastful, proud, blasphemous, disobedient to parents, unthankful, and unholy.

4. What does it mean to be "without natural affection"?

- It means lacking normal human love and compassion, especially for family members, often seen as cold and uncaring.

5. What is a "trucebreaker"?

- A trucebreaker is someone who breaks promises, agreements, or covenants, demonstrating a deep untrustworthiness.

6. What does "lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God" imply?

- It means people prioritize their own enjoyment, desires, and worldly entertainment over their devotion, obedience, and relationship with God.

7. What does it mean to have a "form of godliness, but denying its power"?

- It means appearing outwardly religious or pious but not allowing God's transforming power to genuinely change one's heart, life, and actions.

8. What instruction are we given regarding people with these negative traits?

- We are instructed to "turn away from such people," meaning to avoid close association with them due to their harmful influence.

9. Who are the people described as "creeping into houses" in verse 6?

- These are deceptive individuals who subtly gain access to people's lives and homes to spread their false teachings.

10. Who are the "silly women" they captivate?

- These are often vulnerable, spiritually unstable women burdened by sin and easily swayed by various worldly desires and false doctrines.

11. What does it mean that these deceivers are "always learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth"?

- They may constantly acquire religious information or new ideas, but they never truly understand or accept the saving truth of God's Word.

12. Who were Jannes and Jambres?

- Jannes and Jambres were Egyptian magicians who opposed Moses when he

confronted Pharaoh, trying to replicate God's miracles with their own power.

13. How do the deceivers mentioned in this passage "resist the truth" like Jannes and Jambres?

- They actively oppose and contradict God's truth, just as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses' God-given message and power.

14. What is the ultimate fate of these deceptive people?

- Their folly and deception will ultimately be exposed and fail; their true nature will be revealed to everyone, and they will proceed no further.

15. What personal qualities did Timothy observe in Paul (the author)?

- Timothy observed Paul's sound doctrine, righteous manner of life, clear purpose, strong faith, tolerance, love, and patience.

16. Did Paul experience persecution?

- Yes, Paul endured significant persecutions and afflictions in places like Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra.

17. What happened to Paul during these persecutions?

- The Lord delivered him out of all of them, demonstrating God's protection and faithfulness.

18. Does the passage suggest all believers will suffer persecution?

- Yes, it states that "all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution."

19. Will evil people improve or get worse in the last days?

- The passage says, "evil men and seducers will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived."

20. What are believers encouraged to "continue in"?

- Believers are encouraged to continue in the things they have learned and have been assured of, especially from reliable teachers.

21. What special knowledge did Timothy have since childhood?

- Since childhood, Timothy had known the Holy Scriptures.

22. What are the Holy Scriptures able to do for us?

- The Holy Scriptures are able to make us wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

23. Where does all Scripture come from?

- "All Scripture is inspired by God," meaning it originates directly from God Himself.

24. What are some practical uses of Scripture mentioned?

- Scripture is profitable for teaching, for reproof (pointing out error), for correction (setting things right), and for instruction in righteousness (training in right living).

25. What is the ultimate goal of Scripture for a person of God?

- The ultimate goal is that the man of God may be complete and thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy, Chapter 4

Q1: What should Christians do in spreading God's word?

A1: Christians should preach the word of God, being prepared to share it at any time, and rebuke, encourage, and teach with patience (2 Timothy 4:2).

Q2: What might happen to true doctrine in the future?

A2: In the future, people may reject sound doctrine and instead follow teachers who satisfy their own desires and itching ears, leading them to believe myths (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

Q3: How should Christians stay true amidst challenging times?

A3: Christians should remain self-controlled, endure afflictions, and continue their evangelistic work (2 Timothy 4:5).

Q4: What is the outcome of a continued faith in Christ?

A4: Those who have faith in Christ's appearing will

receive a crown of righteousness from the Lord on that Day (2 Timothy 4:8).

Q5: What is the significance of Timothy coming to visit Paul?

A5: Timothy's visit is urgent, as Paul is nearing the end of his life and wants to see him and send Mark with him for ministry purposes (2 Timothy 4:9, 11).

Q6: Who left Paul's side and why?

A6: Demas deserted Paul, bound by his love for the world, and went to Thessalonica, while Crescens went to Galatia and Titus to Dalmatia (2 Timothy 4:10).

Q7: Who remained faithful to Paul?

A7: Only Luke stayed with Paul during this difficult time (2 Timothy 4:11).

Q8: How should Christians view Alexander the coppersmith?

A8: Christians should be cautious of Alexander, who has opposed their words and done evil to Paul (2 Timothy 4:14-15).

Q9: Did anyone stand with Paul during his first defense?

A9: During his first defense, no one stood with Paul, as everyone forsook him, but the Lord stood with him and gave him strength (2 Timothy 4:16-17).

Q10: What does the future hold for Paul?

A10: Despite his current afflictions, the Lord will deliver Paul from all evil and preserve him for His heavenly kingdom (2 Timothy 4:18).

Q11: Who does Paul encourage Timothy to visit?

A11: Paul instructs Timothy to greet Priscilla, Aquila, Onesiphorus, and their households when he comes (2 Timothy 4:19).

Q12: Why should Timothy try to come soon?

A12: Timothy should hurry because of the approaching winter, and because Paul's health is declining (2 Timothy 4:21).

Q13: Who offers greetings to Timothy?

A13: Eubulus, Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the

brothers and sisters in Christ send their greetings to Timothy (2 Timothy 4:21).

Q14: What closing blessing does Paul give Timothy?

A14: Paul prays for the Lord Jesus Christ to be with Timothy's spirit and for God's grace to be with him (2 Timothy 4:22).