

READING PLAN + STUDY QUESTIONS

1+2 Timothy

READING PLAN OVERVIEW

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 - REPLACING FALSE TEACHING WITH GODLINESS
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 - THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH
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HOW TO USE THIS PLAN

- 1. READ THE GENRE + BOOK OVERVIEW ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE**
- 2. READ THE CHAPTERS IN THE BIBLE FOR EACH SESSION**
- 3. READ THE CHAPTER SUMMARIES ON [EVERYDAYSCRIPTURE.ORG](https://everydayscripture.org)**
- 4. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS + REFLECT ON THE READING**

This study encourages going at your own pace, allowing each session to be a day, a week, or however long you need. Each session contains questions to be used for individual reflection or small group discussion.

This study was made to be used alongside Bible reading. Although we have created chapter summaries, there is no substitute for reading God's Word.

QUESTIONS TO GET YOU STARTED

- What type of literature is this book of the Bible? Does that affect the interpretation?
- Who is the intended audience of this book? What purpose does it serve?
- What does this passage of Scripture reveal about God's character?
- What can I learn from this Scripture passage? How does it apply today?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Everyday Scripture: 1 + 2 Timothy](#)
- [Everyday Scripture: New Testament Letters](#)
- [The Bible Project: 1 Timothy Overview Video](#)
- [The Bible Project: 2 Timothy Overview Video](#)

GENRE OVERVIEW: NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS

The news of Jesus was spreading rapidly! Paul, Peter, and some of the other apostles used letters to communicate with believers in churches all over the world. After seeing the resurrected Jesus, the apostles were on a mission to share the gospel with all people. Because Paul and the other writers experienced God's power dramatically, they were able to boldly declare their faith in Christ.

The apostle Paul traveled throughout the Roman Empire and Asia Minor to preach the gospel and plant churches. Many of the New Testament letters are addressed to groups of people or individuals that Paul met along the way. Other disciples of Jesus, including Peter, John, James, and Jude, also wrote letters to churches. These letters provide a glimpse into life in the first century and serve as a reminder of Jesus' teaching.

Although many of these letters include encouragement and praise, others offer warning or concern. Because Christians were facing great persecution, these letters served as a source of hope and renewal of faith along with caution against false teachers. Because the ability to read was uncommon and writing supplies were expensive, these letters were considered very valuable and were typically read aloud for the community of believers to hear.

BOOK OVERVIEW: 1 + 2 TIMOTHY

In two separate letters, Paul wrote to Timothy. Paul met Timothy in Lystra and mentored him as a leader in the faith and messenger of the gospel (Acts 16:1-3). Timothy's assignment from Paul was to remain with the church in Ephesus where false teachers were leading believers astray. In Paul's great efforts to spread the gospel, he highly valued correct theology and sound teaching. Paul instructed Timothy to share the truth of Jesus and rebuke those who were sharing false religion.

Paul detailed the character qualifications necessary for leaders in the church and imparted his wisdom upon Timothy. Although Timothy was much younger, Paul saw him as a capable leader within the church. Paul encouraged Timothy to fight the good fight of faith, flee from youthful passions, and pursue righteousness. 2 Timothy also serves as a reflection upon Paul's life and ministry as he approached his death. Desiring the church to be a place of truth and hope, Paul sent Timothy in his place to share the truth of the gospel. These letters collectively serve as a guide for church leaders, stressing the importance of character, biblical theology, and perseverance in the face of challenges.

SESSION ONE: 1 TIMOTHY 1–3

REPLACING FALSE TEACHING WITH GODLINESS

- Paul wrote to Timothy concerning false teachers. According to 1 Timothy 1:3–4, what false beliefs were being spread throughout Ephesus?
- How did Paul describe “the aim of the charge” to combat the false beliefs (1 Timothy 1:5)?
- How did Paul reflect on his own sin as a reminder of God’s goodness and power (1 Timothy 1:13–17)?
- For whom did Paul instruct believers to pray? Whom does God desire to be saved (1 Timothy 2:1–4)?
- Read 1 Timothy 2:5–7. How does Jesus serve as a mediator between God and humanity?
- What interpretations have you heard regarding Paul’s direction to the women in Ephesus? What interpretation do you find most reliable?
- In 1 Timothy 3, what qualifications did Paul give for leaders within the church? How are these qualities similar or dissimilar to leaders within the church today?
- What did Paul say about the mystery of godliness (1 Timothy 3:16)?

SESSION TWO: 1 TIMOTHY 4-6

THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH

- How did Paul express the importance of faithfulness over obedience to the law (1 Timothy 4:1-4)?
- How did Paul compare physical fitness to spiritual fitness (1 Timothy 4:7-8)?
- Read 1 Timothy 4:12-16. How did Paul encourage Timothy to be a good steward of his talents and not to be discouraged in his calling?
- How did Paul direct Timothy to provide funds to those who are in the greatest need (1 Timothy 5:1-16)?
- In 1 Timothy 5:23, what advice did Paul give Timothy? How does this display their close, personal relationship?
- Based on 1 Timothy 5:24-25, some sins are immediately obvious, but other sins become evident later. What are some examples of both types of sin?
- In 1 Timothy 6, what did Paul advise regarding wealth and contentment?
- How does 1 Timothy 6:13-16 describe Jesus' obedience to God's ultimate plan?

SESSION THREE: 2 TIMOTHY 1-4

SHARE IN CHRIST'S SUFFERING

- In 2 Timothy 1, how did Paul encourage Timothy to persevere in the faith?
- In 2 Timothy 1:13, what did Paul mean when he instructed Timothy to follow the pattern of sound words?
- How had Paul shared in Christ's sufferings (2 Timothy 2:3)?
- What are some examples of fleeing youthful passions to pursue righteousness? How are youthful passions and righteousness in opposition to each other (2 Timothy 2:22)?
- Read 2 Timothy 2:25. Who initiates repentance in believers?
- How did Paul describe people in the last days (2 Timothy 3:1-9)? Which of these qualities do you see in today's culture?
- In 2 Timothy 3:10-17, what did Paul list as the purpose and value of Scripture?
- In your own words, describe Paul's attitude towards the end of his life (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 4:18).