

# sermon notes

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July 21, 2024 | “2 Timothy (Introduction)” | **2 Timothy 1:1–2**

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## 1) Who wrote 2 Timothy, and to whom was it written?

Authors: The Apostle \_\_\_\_\_ and the Holy \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Tim 1:1; 2 Tim 3:16–17; 2 Pet 1:21)

Recipients: \_\_\_\_\_ and all of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Tim 2:2; 2 Tim 3:16–17)

## 2) What is 2 Timothy?

One of Paul’s \_\_\_\_\_ letters canonized as Christian Scripture (2 Pet 3:15–16)

One of the \_\_\_\_\_ books inspired by the Holy Spirit (2 Tim 3:16–17; 2 Pet 1:21)

## 3) When was 2 Timothy written?

Approximately A.D. \_\_\_\_\_ just before Paul’s \_\_\_\_\_

## 4) Where did Paul send this letter, and where was Paul when he wrote it?

Paul wrote to Timothy who was in the city of \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Tim 1:3; 2 Tim 1:18)

Paul wrote from prison in \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Tim 1:8, 16–18; 2:9)

## 5) Why did Paul write 2 Timothy?

To emphasize the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s Word  
(2 Tim 1:5; 3:14–17; 4:1–2)

To emphasize the \_\_\_\_\_ of finishing life well (2 Tim 4:6–7)

## 6) How do we apply the truths of 2 Timothy?

\_\_\_\_\_, with eyes fixed on God and on his glory

\_\_\_\_\_, with our hearts committed to loving, faithful obedience

## Questions for further application of God’s Word:

### GO DEEPER

Examine the introductory details for 2 Timothy above. Which of these details are derived from the book itself? Which are derived from other Scriptures in the NT? Which are reasonable suppositions derived from church history, other ancient writing, etc.?

How familiar are you with the Book of 2 Timothy? Are there any passages in this book that you have memorized? Are there any passages that have made an impact on you and your Christian walk? Access a study Bible or commentary to help you identify a few main themes in this book. Also watch the Bible Project video on this book for an overview:

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/2-timothy/>

Read 2 Timothy 1:1–2. What is an apostle and why does Paul introduce himself as one in many of his letters? What’s the difference between an elder and an apostle? What about a deacon? What about a pastor or a bishop? For help with this, see the following video on “Church Government”:

<https://app.vidgrid.com/view/l1OQQpvs8ta9>

### GET PERSONAL

Read 2 Timothy 3:16–17. If God’s Word is inspired by God (literally “God-breathed” from 2 Tim 3:16), why do so many people ignore it? How is God’s Word authoritative in your life? Give some specific ways that you affirm and submit to the authority of the Scriptures. How do you prepare yourself to receive from the Scriptures at church on Sunday? What about in your personal time of devotions? Do you believe and anticipate its transformative power? Are you eager to obey God and his Word?

### PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

For the next several months, our church elders will be preaching through 2 Timothy. Take a few moments now to pray and ask God to transform you by the study of his Word. Ask him to mature you in specific ways. Ask him to mature the church in specific ways and make us all stronger disciples of Jesus. Write out a prayer that you can recite on Sunday morning in preparation for the corporate gathering and study of God’s Word.

### ADVANCED QUESTION

Read through the entire book of 2 Timothy in one sitting. Don’t take your eye off the page or split your reading up into segments. Read it from start to finish without taking a break. What’s the overall tone of the book? What are the major ideas that emerged during your reading? What are some of the prominent commands that Paul gives to Timothy in this book?