


APOSTLE PAUL IN PRISON

  
*2 Timothy*  
letter from the end of  
*a life well lived*

# Chapter 2

## **2 Timothy 2: 1 (NIV)**

*You then, my son, be strong  
in the grace that is in Christ  
Jesus.*

## 2 Timothy 2: 2 (NIV)

*And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.*

## **2 Timothy 2: 3 (NIV)**

*Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.*

## 2 Timothy 2: 4 (NIV)

**No one serving as a soldier**  
**gets entangled in civilian**  
**affairs**, but rather tries to  
please his commanding  
officer.

# Question

What is Paul meaning when he tells Timothy not to get entangled in civilian affairs?

## 2 Timothy 2: 4 (NIV)

*No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, **but rather tries to please his commanding officer.***

# Question

Who is our Commanding Officer?



## 2 Timothy 2: 5 (NIV)

***Similarly**, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown **except by competing according to the rules.***

# Question

Who's rules do we  
follow?

# Question

What happens in sports if a player disagrees with the rules?

# Question

What happens when  
society disagrees with  
God's rules?

# Question

How is this similar to the previous verse?

## 2 Timothy 2: 4 (NIV)

*No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer.*

## 2 Timothy 2: 6 (NIV)

*The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops.*

# Question

What is Paul saying  
here?



## 2 Timothy 2: 7 (NIV)

*Reflect on what I am saying,  
for the Lord will give you  
insight into all this.*

# Question

What does it mean to reflect on something?

# Question

What is Paul wanting  
Timothy to reflect on?

## 2 Timothy 2: 8 (NIV)

*Remember Jesus Christ,  
raised from the dead,  
descended from David. This is  
my gospel,*

## 2 Timothy 2: 9 (NIV)

*for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained.*

## 2 Timothy 2: 9 (NASB)

*for which I suffer hardship  
even to imprisonment as a  
criminal; **but the word of  
God is not imprisoned.***

## 2 Timothy 2: 10 (NIV)

*Therefore I endure everything*  
**for the sake of the elect,**  
*that they too may obtain the*  
*salvation that is in Christ*  
*Jesus, with eternal glory.*

# Question

Who is Paul enduring his suffering for?



## 2 Timothy 2: 11 (NIV)

*Here is a trustworthy saying:*

***If we died with him,***  
*we will also live with him;*

## 2 Timothy 2: 12 (NIV)

**if we endure,**

*we will also reign with him.*

**If we disown him,**

*he will also disown us;*

## 2 Timothy 2: 13 (NIV)

*if we are faithless,  
**he remains faithful,**  
**for he cannot disown**  
**himself.***

# What is Paul saying?

1. You died with Him so don't give up- endure.
2. Don't disown Him because that demonstrates a lack of faith.
3. God has faith in you!

## 2 Timothy 2: 14 (NIV)

**Keep reminding God's people of these things.**

*Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen.*

# Question

Remind them of what  
things?

- Remind them of the responsibility to be teachers who pass things on to others.
- Remind them that they are soldiers in a Spiritual battle.
- Remind them that they are athletes who are to run to win.
- Remind them that they are to follow the rules to win.

- Remind them that they are to be hardworking farmers who plant and enjoy the result of the crop.
- Remind them that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.
- Remind them of the authority and power of the Lord they serve.
- Remind them of the power of the Word of God, which cannot be bound.
- Remind them to endure.



## 2 Timothy 2: 14 (NIV)

*Keep **reminding** God's people of these things. **Warn** them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen.*

## 2 Timothy 2: 14 (NLT)

**Remind** everyone about these things, **and command** them in God's presence to stop fighting over words. Such arguments are useless, and they can ruin those who hear them.

# Question

What is the significance of the fact that he went from reminding to warning?

# **Quarreling about words**

logomachein – means to wage a war of words. This is referencing the typical actions of false teachers who use words to argue against the Word of God.

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Paul is commanding us to  
avoiding debate and word  
battles that pits divine  
Truth against human  
philosophy and makes the  
Bible answerable to man.

This type of quarreling  
attacks the truth of  
Scripture with the  
supposedly sophisticated  
philosophy and  
rationalization of man.

## 2 Timothy 2: 14 (NIV)

*Keep reminding God's people of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, **and only ruins those who listen.***

# Question

How does quarreling  
against the Word of God  
ruin those who listen?



This is satan's tool to undermine the authority of Scripture over man with arguments such as the Bible is old fashioned, outdated and does not apply to our culture today.

# ruin

Translated from the  
Greek word katastrophē.

The impact false  
teaching has on the lives  
of people who listen is  
catastrophic.

# 10 Examples of False Teaching

1. Marriage is no longer as God designed, but now is designed by man.
2. Submissiveness to scripture is weakness.
3. The life God placed in a mother's womb is her decision for death or to give birth, not God's.

# 10 Examples of False Teaching

4. Man makes them male or female, not God.
5. God is wrong about how He designed the roles of the family.
6. There are multiple ways to God.
7. There is no hell.

# 10 Examples of False Teaching

8. The Bible is wrong about how to correct children, they need to be able to express themselves.
9. The Bible is outdated.
10. Homosexuality is not sin but is created by God and should be celebrated.

## 2 Timothy 2: 15 (NIV)

*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.*

# What is Paul saying?

1. God approves of you, so act like it.
2. Don't be ashamed.
3. Correctly handle the Scriptures.

## 2 Timothy 2: 16 (NIV)

**Avoid godless chatter,**  
*because those who indulge in  
it will become more and more  
ungodly.*



# Question

What is godless chatter?

# kenophōnía

empty discussion,  
discussion of one's  
excessively high opinion  
of themselves,  
discussion of useless  
matters

## 2 Timothy 2: 17 (NIV)

**Their teaching will spread like gangrene.** Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,

# Question

How does gangrene spread?

# Gangrene

Gangrene refers to the death of body tissue due to either a lack of blood flow or a serious bacterial infection.

## **John 15: 5-7 (NIV)**

*“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*”

## **John 15: 5-7 (NIV)**

*If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me **and my words remain in you,** ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.*

## 2 Timothy 2: 17 (NIV)

*Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,*



## 2 Timothy 2: 18 (NIV)

*who have departed from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and **they** **destroy the faith of some.***

# Question

What does satan use  
godless chatter and false  
teaching to accomplish?

# Truth to Remember

1. God is truth, Scripture teaches truth, and God cannot lie.
2. Satan is a liar and the father of lies and goes around deceiving people.

## 2 Timothy 2: 19 (NIV)

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# Question

The question is not do  
you know the Lord Jesus  
but does the Lord Jesus  
know you?

## 2 Timothy 2: 19 (NIV)

*Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, **Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness.**"*

## 2 Timothy 2: 20 (NIV)

*In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use.*



## 2 Timothy 2: 21 (NIV)

**Those who cleanse**

**themselves from the latter**

*will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.*

## 2 Timothy 2: 22 (NIV)

*Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*

## 2 Timothy 2: 22 (NASB)

*Now flee from youthful  
lusts and pursue  
righteousness, faith, love and  
peace, with those who call on  
the Lord from a pure heart.*

# Question

Is Timothy an old man or young man when Paul is writing this letter to him?

# Question

What are youthful lusts  
or youthful evil desires?

## **2 Timothy 2: 23 (NIV)**

*Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels.*

## 2 Timothy 2: 24 (NIV)

*And the Lord's servant  
must not be quarrelsome  
but must be kind to everyone,  
able to teach, not resentful.*

# What is Paul saying?

1. Stay out of quarrels.
2. Be kind to everyone.
3. Teach others.
4. Don't be bitter or hold grudges when you are treated unfairly.



## 2 Timothy 2: 25 (NIV)

*Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that*

**God will grant them**

**repentance** *leading them to a knowledge of the truth,*

# Question

What does repentance  
lead to?

## 2 Timothy 2: 25 (NIV)

*Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance **leading them to a knowledge of the truth,***

## 2 Timothy 2: 26 (NIV)

*and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.*

## **2 Timothy 3: 1 (NIV)**

*But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days.*