

Effective Ministry

Lesson 25

2 Timothy 2:1-26

Paul had encouraged Timothy to be strong in his service to the Lord and to remain faithful even in the midst of suffering. Paul then began instructing Timothy on how to continue with an effective ministry.

1. Calling Timothy "*my son*," what was he to remain strong in? (2 Timothy 2:1)

Various Role Models – 2 Timothy 2:2-7

2. Timothy had heard Paul preach the Gospel many time and Paul reminded him that there had been many witnesses. Who, besides Timothy, had been entrusted with the Gospel message? (2 Timothy 2:2)
3. When it came to enduring hardship, what was the first role model Paul used as an example? (2 Timothy 2:3)
 - What two lessons was Timothy to learn from this role model? (2 Timothy 2:4)
4. Who was Paul's second example of a role model? (2 Timothy 2:5a)
 - What lesson did Paul draw attention to with this role model? (2 Timothy 2:5b)
5. Using 2 Timothy 2:6:
 - Who was the third role model?
 - How was he described?
 - What should that result in?

Paul gave Timothy a reflection question of his own. "*Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.*" (2 Timothy 2:7)

Reflect:

6. Look back over verses 1 - 6 and your answers above. What do you think were the lessons for effective ministry that Paul wanted Timothy to see?

The Gospel Truth - 2 Timothy 2:8-13

7. What two "truths" did Paul remind Timothy were part of the Gospel that he preached? (2 Timothy 2:8)
8. As a result of preaching that truth, what was Paul now enduring? (2 Timothy 2:9a)
- But what about the Gospel - - God's Word? (2 Timothy 2:9b)
9. Why did Paul say that he was willing to endure everything? (2 Timothy 2:10)
10. Paul added "a trustworthy saying". Using verses 11 - 13, fill in the chart.

If we	Then we will
If we	Then we will
If we	Then we will
If we	Then we will

Be approved by God - 2 Timothy 2:14-26

11. Paul told Timothy to keep reminding the Ephesians of these truths. What was he also to warn them about? (2 Timothy 2:14a)
- Why? (2 Timothy 2:14b)
12. Paul encouraged Timothy to do his best to present himself "to God as one approved..." What did Paul mean by that? (2 Timothy 2:15)

13. Why was Timothy instructed to avoid godless chatter? (2 Timothy 2:16)
14. In his first letter Paul had warned Timothy about Hymenaeus. (1 Timothy 1:20) What was Paul's warning about him in this second letter? (2 Timothy 2:17)
- What does that graphic picture tell you about Hymenaeus' teaching?
15. Paul said that Hymenaeus and Philetus "have wandered away from the truth". What were they teaching? (2 Timothy 2:18b)
- What was the result of their teaching? (2 Timothy 2:18c)
16. Using 2 Timothy 2:19:
- Nevertheless -- what effect do people like Hymenaeus have on God's solid foundation?
 - What does the Lord know?
 - What do those who confess His name turn from?
17. Continuing his thought on handling the Word of Truth, Paul used household vessels as an illustration. Even within the same house vessels are used in a different ways. (Timothy 2:20, 21) What was Paul teaching Timothy through this illustration? (2 Timothy 2:21b)
18. If Timothy was to be an effective minister, what did Paul instruct him to: (2 Timothy 2:22)
- Flee?
- Pursue?
- How?
19. Paul warned Timothy again not to get into arguments. (2 Timothy 2:23)
- How did Paul view these arguments?
 - What would these arguments produce?

20. What must characterize the Lord's servant? (2 Timothy 2:24)
21. How was Timothy to respond to someone who opposed him? (2 Timothy 2:25a)
22. What was the goal in this? (2 Timothy 2:25b, 26)