

The 1st. & 2nd. Epistles to Timothy (Intro and themes)[2]

Code: 12/ NT / 10

1. General Aims of the unit

Better Understanding of the "word of God" to live according to its instructions

2. Special aims of the lesson

1. To review the main themes of the 1st. epistle of St. Paul to Timothy.
2. To highlight the aim of writing this epistle and its background.
3. To study in depth the main issues in the 2nd.epistle
4. The Main parts of the epistle:

❖ Greetings and thanksgiving for Timothy's early training	1:1-5
❖ Timothy ; Be bold	1:6-18
❖ Strive in service and personal life	2:1-26
❖ Resist the coming apostasy and persecutions	3:1-17
❖ St. Paul's last advises	4:1-22

3.Outcomes

By the end of this lesson the teens are able to:

1. State the gifts given by the Grace of the Lord to Timothy , and what the Grace gives you ?.
2. Discuss the Instructions to the spiritual welfare and growth given to Timothy the servant and what of them are applied to you
3. Study in groups the following topics:
 - ❖ Transmitting of faith from generation to another
 - ❖ What is the role of Grace and my personal role in gaining the life of purity ?(2:21-22)
 - ❖ The features of the last days . Are we approaching these days?
 - ❖ The value of the holy books in salvation
 - ❖ The role of the servant (Bishop , Priest , Deacon)
 - ❖ The crown of honest life in serving the Lord.
 - ❖ Is it possible that a fervent servant may love the world ?

4. Verses:

2 Tim. 1:6 , 9 ; 2:1-2 , 5 ,15 , 21-24 ; 3:1-5 , 12 , 15-17 ; 4 : 2 , 7-8

5. References:

- 1.The Orthodox Study Bible (pp.483-486)
2. 2st. epistle of St. Paul to Timothy
3. Attached notes

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Introduction to the second epistle of St. Paul to Timothy**Introduction:**

- ❖ This epistle is one of three pastoral epistles St. Paul wrote. It is considered the latest as it was written in his second imprisonments in Rome before his martyrdom ~ 67AD.
- ❖ It is written to St. Timothy the bishop of Ephesus to urge him to accompany St. Mark with him and return to Rome to see St. Paul in his last days.
- ❖ St. Paul was aware that he may departed before the arrival of St. Timothy, so he wrote this epistle to encourage St. Timothy to continue in perseverance to fight for the purity of faith against the heresies . He knew that St. Timothy will face apostasy and harassment within the church , so he gave himself as a good example of fighters.
- ❖ This epistle is presented from a victorious servant who was about to farewell a very harsh world, completing his race victoriously and waiting the final crown of glory .

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Analysis of the epistle

This analysis is considering the servants

1. Grace gifts given to St. Timothy the Servant

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| a) Faith inherited from his mother and grandmother | 1:5 |
| b) The gifts of the Spirit through laying of the hands of St. Paul | 1:6 |
| c) Salvation and calling | 1:9 ,14 |

2. Instructions to the spiritual welfare and growth of Timothy the servant

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| a) Stir the gifts of the Spirit | 1:6 |
| b) Do not be ashamed of the testimony of Jesus Christ | 1:8 , 12 |
| c) Hold fast to true teaching | 1:13 |
| d) Keep the 'good things' {gift} by the Holy Spirit | 1:14 |
| e) Be strong in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ | 2:1 |
| f) Endure hardships as a good soldier | 2:3,4 |
| g) Compete according to the rules as an athlete waiting for the crown | 2:5 |
| h) Be like a farmer who is waiting the fruits | 2:6 |
| i) Remember the resurrected Jesus Christ | 2:8 |
| j) Remember the song of the soldier | 2:11-13 |
| k) Clean yourself to be a vessel of honour | 2:21 |
| l) Practice Christian conduct (purity , avoid foolish disputes , be gentle , patient and humble in dealing with who are in opposition) | 2:22-26 |
| m) Follow the teaching and the style of life of the Apostle (discipleship) | 3:10-14 |
| n) Remember the power of the Scripture and its value for our spiritual life | 3:15-17 |

3. Instructions to St. Timothy the bishop (servant)concerning his service

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| a) Make disciples who are able to teach others | 2:2 |
| b) Endure everything for the sake of the elect | 2:10 |

- c) Follow the Apostolic teaching , be aware of the false teaching of Hymenaeus and Philetus (super spiritual interpretation of resurrection) 2:14-19
- d) Be aware of the moral decline in the last days 3:1-9
- e) Preach the word always 4:1-5

4. Rewards for the servants

- a) The crown 4:6-8

5. Instructions for the benefit of the service

- a) Be aware of those who support the mission and servants 2:16-18
- b) Return quickly with St. Mark 4:9-12
- c) Be aware of those who harm the mission 2:15 ; 4:14-15