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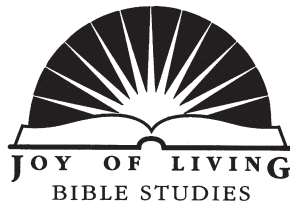
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## **Before you begin**

An ideal curriculum for home-school, Bible class, Sunday School or personal Bible study, Joy of Living Youth Curriculum is flexible and easy to use. Each lesson covers the same scripture passage as the adult Joy of Living Study.

### **Age:**

This course encourages students of various ages to develop a habit of personal Bible study. Since the study requires reading the Bible and writing answers to the questions, the minimum age should be about 6 years old. Although the questions are geared to about age 10, older students will profit by gaining a basic knowledge of the Bible. Students over the age of 14 may be mature enough to study the adult Joy of Living course.

### **The lessons:**

The study is divided into weekly units. Each week is divided into three sections:

- a suggested class schedule including craft and game ideas
- leader's lesson sheets (these contain the answers for the lesson completed by the students during the previous week)
- student questions for the next lesson (these are passed out at the end of the class)

Students complete the written lessons at home and are encouraged to do a few questions each day rather than trying to complete all the questions in one day. This will aid the students in developing a pattern of daily Bible study. The "HARD" and "RISKY" questions are to inspire the student to think and reason and help them dig deeper into God's Word.

### **For homeschool or personal Bible study:**

The curriculum may be used in a variety of ways:

- Lessons may be completed by the individual student and graded for accuracy. Discussion time is optional, although it is encouraged.
- Students within the same family or group may work on the lessons together. A discussion time with a parent or other adult is suggested.
- Adults may work one-on-one with the student(s) while they complete the lesson.
- Lessons may be used as part of family devotions. Read the portions of scripture aloud and use the questions to prompt discussion of the Bible passage.

### **For use with groups:**

There is great flexibility in implementing this curriculum. Since each class has its own needs, space, finances, and time frame, the class schedule is supplied as a general outline and can be changed to suit specific situations and needs.

Each class session has free time, recreation/snack time, question discussion time, and craft time.

Remember - Keep the pace moving to avoid boredom and trouble, while providing continuity.

Suggested time SCHEDULE to be adapted to individual group:

- 15 - 20 minutes. - unstructured free time
- 15 - 20 minutes. - game/snack time
- 15 - 20 minutes. - discussion time
- remaining time for craft

## **Helpful Hints for Groups**

### **Facility/Equipment**

- Whatever the class size, access to a gym or large game room is worthwhile for team play and group activities.
- If the church has the room, a separate cupboard for supplies is a plus.
- Access to a TV/VCR is helpful but not necessary.
- A volleyball or similar ball is good to have on hand for a variety of games.

### **Discussion Time**

- Use the counting off system to divide the class into groups for discussion time. (Avoid, if possible, separating into groups according to age or family.)
- Each discussion group should have an adult leader. Older children should not be used (unless absolutely necessary) as leaders or sitters; they are there for fellowship and learning, too.
- With many of the questions there is no right or wrong answer. The questions are to encourage the student to think and reason and to dig deeper into God's Word. However, since discussion time is also a form of teaching, the leaders are given answers on their question sheets to aid them in the discussion, with occasional commentary insights added in brackets.
- As you discuss the lesson be careful not to belittle a student's opinion or idea. Even if the answer is wrong you can encourage the student by saying something similar to, "I like to see that you're thinking, do you think perhaps... (then give the correct answer)" or "I can see that you are thinking about the question; does anyone else have thoughts on this question?"

### **Teachers/Leaders/Helpers**

- The number of leaders and helpers is determined by the size of the class. The ideal situation is one discussion leader per every 5 children.

- In addition to the main leader, it is helpful to have a game leader, and craft leader.
- Responsibilities are determined within each class structure.
- Parent volunteers may be requested when extra help is needed. If there is a large number of children, the parents have to volunteer only once or twice the entire year.
- Scheduling parents to bring treats is a financial bonus. Keeping cost to a minimum is being a good steward of God's resources.

### **Game Time**

Although board games, puzzles, hidden pictures, crosswords, coloring, and quiet activities do not keep the attention of active children, they should not be ruled out as alternative game time activities. Ball games, races, or tag games are suggested and favored to holding everyone's interest.

### **Suggestions for obtaining craft ideas & supplies:**

Garage/yard/rummage sales

library craft books

children's magazines

YMCA, Park & Recreation Dept., churches (almost every city has a summer program for children, which includes a craft time; they may have leftover craft supplies they would like to donate)

### **Supplies to have on hand:**

glue, glue sticks, glue gun

scissors (at least 1 pair for every 2 students)

paint (tempera-washable)

paint brushes

paper towels

newspapers

construction paper

crayons

colored markers

colored pencils

paper cups, napkins (snack time)

various items to pass in relay races

balls, basketball, nerf, etc.

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## 2 Timothy — Game & Craft List

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## 2 TIMOTHY - WEEK ONE

### NO DISCUSSION LESSON

15 - 20 minutes free time - games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes 15 - 20 minutes snack and group recreation: TOSS AND CATCH

Form a circle, with one player in center. The player in the center tosses a ball into the air and calls the name of a player in the circle. The player whose name is called tries to catch the ball BEFORE it bounces. If he catches the ball, he becomes the one to toss and call. If he misses, he returns to the circle. Game ends when time limit has been reached.

15 - 20 minutes discuss class rules and goals

to end of class CRAFT: PAPER PLATE BUTTERFLY

#### MATERIALS:

newspaper  
tempera paints  
plastic spoons  
clear tape

bowls  
paper plates  
black pipe cleaners

Cover work area with newspaper. Pour paint into bowls. Fold the paper plate in half and reopen. Give each child a plastic spoon. Have them pour paint onto one side of the fold, not too much, about 1/4 teaspoon each of several colors. Have them fold the plate along the crease previously made, and gently press up and down the folded plates. They may use their hands or fists to rub the plate back so the paint squishes inside. Open the plate and see the butterfly. Allow to dry in the sun for about 15 minutes or more. Tape the pipe cleaners onto the tops of the butterfly as antennae.

## 2 TIMOTHY LESSON 1

### Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's ok to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.
- d. With some questions, it might be helpful to write the scripture verses on your paper.

### Read 2 Timothy chapter 1, verses 1 – 7.

2 Timothy was written about 67 A.D., about four years after 1 Timothy. Paul is in a prison called Mamertine in Rome, Italy. It is cold and damp, and it's under ground. The Emperor is Nero. Those who follow Christianity were blamed for setting the fire that burned most of Rome in 64 A.D. In fact, the church is far more persecuted at this time than when Paul, as Saul, was chasing down Christians. This is the last letter Paul will write. Except for Luke and a few friends who visit, Paul is alone in the dungeon. He wants Timothy to come and visit with him before the weather gets too cold for travel, or before Paul dies. Timothy is at the church in Ephesus.

1. Paul is writing this letter. He calls himself "Jesus Christ's missionary, or apostle." What does Paul call Timothy?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. **CHALLENGE:** Paul talks about the promise of life in verse 1, but Titus 3:6,7 tells what the promise is. What do these verses in Titus say?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. **RISKY:** How many times does Paul say he prays for Timothy?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Who had faith before Timothy?

5. What does Romans 6:23 say is the gift of God?
  
6. **PERSONAL:** On your birthday you probably get presents, or gifts. Do you leave your gifts on a table, unopened, unused, only to look at? NO. You take your gift and use it. It is yours. Jesus is your gift from God for eternal life. Have you received your gift from God? Have you taken His death and resurrection as being given for you? Believe in your heart and confess with your mouth Jesus is God's son. Then repent of your sins, and you will be saved.
  
7. What has God given every believer?

**Read 2 Timothy chapter 1, verses 8 – 14.**

1. What does Paul remind Timothy in verse 8?
  
2. Why isn't Paul ashamed of being in prison for sharing the gospel?

**Read 2 Timothy chapter 1, verses 15 - 18 and chapter 2, verses 1 – 4.**

1. Who left Paul when he was in the province of Asia?
  
2. Onesiphorus encouraged Paul. What did he do for Paul in Rome?
  
3. Who is Timothy to teach?
  
4. **RISKY:** A soldier obeys his commanding officer. A Christian is a soldier in God's army. Who is the Christian's commanding officer?

**Read 2 Timothy chapter 2, verses 5 – 13.**

1. How must an athlete compete?
2. What does 1 Corinthians 9:24,25 say about a race? Remember, even though Paul is using the picture of athletes, he is really talking about the Christian life.
3. Why doesn't Paul mind being chained up? See 2 Timothy for your answer.

**Read 2 Timothy chapter 2, verses 14 – 16.**

1. What does Paul say in Titus 3:9 about quarrels that is like what he tells Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:14?
2. Why should Christians stay away from godless talk?
3. What does Paul say every Christian is supposed to do?
4. What must the Lord's servant do and not do?
5. **PERSONAL:** Did you memorize any verses? How can you avoid godless talk if you don't know what godly talk is? And the way you know godly words is by memorizing God's word.

## 2 TIMOTHY - WEEK TWO

### DISCUSSION LESSON 1

15 - 20 minutes free time - games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes snack and group recreation: SIMPLE RELAY

You will need a ping pong ball, a large spoon, and a shallow container for each team.

Divide class into teams. With masking tape, draw start and finish lines on the floor. Give the first player on each team a spoon and the ping pong ball. Place ball in front of each team. Place the container at the Finish Line. At the signal, the first player picks up the ball with the spoon, races to the finish line, drops the ball in the container, races back to the next in line, hands off the spoon, and goes to the end of the line. The next team player races to the container, picks the ball out of the container with the spoon, returns to the next team player, hands off the ball, goes to the end of the line. The next player repeats the first sequence. Play continues until one team has all team players in their starting positions.

15 - 20 minutes discuss Lesson 1

to end of class CRAFT: BEACH IN A JAR

#### MATERIALS:

colored sand (purchased or see directions below)  
baby food jars, or 12 oz. Mason jars  
small shells (found on the beach or in craft stores)  
bottom halves of empty plastic gallon water jugs  
squares of cloth edged with pinking shears sized to go over lids  
yarn  
plastic spoons

Place each color of sand in bottom half of water jug for easy scooping out with spoons. Layer sand by color into jars, creating a design. Add shells as desired. Cover with lids and add decorative cloth; secure cloth around the jar neck with yarn.

**OPTIONAL:** you may color your sand, and save money. You will need:

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white sand (found at building supply stores such as Home Depot)

<b>METHOD 1:</b>	food coloring
water	paper cups
spoon	paper towels

Pour sand into paper cups about 3/4 full, and cover with water. Add food coloring, stir to mix, and allow to stand for a few minutes. (Red does not color well.) Pour off excess water without losing sand. Pour sand onto paper towels and let dry. When dry, pour into plastic bags for transporting to class.

<b>METHOD 2:</b>	Tempera paint powder
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You may also color the sand with Tempera powder paint. Pour sand into lower portion of an empty plastic gallon water jug. Add paint powder for desired color and mix. Pour sand into plastic bags for easy transporting.

## 2 TIMOTHY — LESSON 2

### Read 2 Timothy chapter 1, verses 1 – 7.

2 Timothy was written about 67 A.D., about four years after 1 Timothy. Paul is in a prison called Mamertine in Rome, Italy. It is cold and damp, and it's under ground. The Emperor is Nero. Those who follow Christianity were blamed for setting the fire that burned most of Rome in 64 A.D. In fact, the church is far more persecuted at this time than when Paul, as Saul, was chasing down Christians. This is the last letter Paul will write. Except for Luke and a few friends who visit, Paul is alone in the dungeon. He wants Timothy to come and visit with him before the weather gets too cold for travel, or before Paul dies. Timothy is at the church in Ephesus.

1. Paul is writing this letter. He calls himself “Jesus Christ’s missionary, or apostle.” What does Paul call Timothy? Verse 2: “To: Timothy, my dear son. May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you kindness, mercy, and peace.”
2. **CHALLENGE:** Paul talks about the promise of life in verse 1, but Titus 3:6,7 tells what the promise is. What do these verses in Titus say? “He poured the Spirit out upon us with wonderful fullness. This is all because of what Jesus Christ our Savior did. Then he could declare us good in God’s eyes. And he did this all because of his great kindness. Now we can share in the riches of the eternal life he gives us. We are eagerly looking forward to receiving it.”
3. **RISKY:** How many times does Paul say he prays for Timothy? Verse 3: “How I thank God for you, Timothy. I pray for you every day. Many times during the long nights I beg my God to bless you richly. He is the God my ancestors served, and mine as well. My only purpose in life is to please him.”
4. Who had faith before Timothy? Verse 5: “I know how much you trust the Lord. You trust him just as your mother, Eunice, and your grandmother, Lois, do. I feel sure you are still trusting him as much as ever.”
5. What does Romans 6:23 say is the gift of God? “Sin makes us die. Through Christ, God gives us life that never ends.”
6. **PERSONAL:** On your birthday you probably get presents, or gifts. Do you leave your gifts on a table, unopened, unused, only to look at? NO. You take your gift and use it. It is yours. Jesus is your gift from God for eternal life. Have you received your gift from God? Have you taken His death and resurrection as being given for you? Believe in your heart and confess with your mouth Jesus is God’s son. Then repent of your sins, and you will be saved.
1. What has God given every believer? Verse 7: “For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline” (NIV). [Timothy may have lost some of his enthusiasm, or had become discouraged in his ministry. Whatever the problem, Paul is en-

couraging him to continue in the faith and to be strong because God's Spirit gave us power to overcome.]

### **Read 2 Timothy chapter 1, verses 8 – 14.**

1. What does Paul remind Timothy in verse 8? “Stir up this inner power. Then you will never be afraid to tell others about our Lord. You won't be afraid to tell them I'm your friend even though I am in jail. You will be ready to suffer with me for the Lord. He will give you strength in suffering.”
2. Why isn't Paul ashamed of being in prison for sharing the gospel? Verses 11,12: “And God has chosen me to be his missionary. I am to preach to the Gentiles and teach them. That is why I am suffering here in jail. I am not ashamed of it, for I know the one in whom I trust. I am sure that he is able to guard all I have given him. He will do this until the day of his return.”

### **Read 2 Timothy chapter 1, verses 15 - 18 and chapter 2, verses 1 – 4.**

1. Who left Paul when he was in the province of Asia? EVERYONE, verse 15: “As you know, all the Christians who came here from Asia have left me. Even Phygellus and Hermogenes are gone.”
2. Onesiphorus encouraged Paul. What did he do for Paul in Rome? Verse 17: “When he came to Rome he looked everywhere trying to find me. He finally did.”
3. Who is Timothy to teach? Chapter 2, verse 2: “Teach others those things you and many others have heard me speak about. Teach these great truths to trustworthy men who will pass them on to others.”
4. **RISKY:** A soldier obeys his commanding officer. A Christian is a soldier in God's army. Who is the Christian's commanding officer? God or Jesus Christ.

### **Read 2 Timothy chapter 2, verses 5 – 13.**

1. How must an athlete compete? According to the rules, verse 5: “Follow the Lord's rules for doing his work. An athlete either follows the rules or is thrown out of the game.” [Paul uses this illustration to express to Timothy the need for strong self-discipline in behavior and inner attitude that is demanded to live the Christian life.]
2. What does 1 Corinthians 9:24,25 say about a race? Remember, even though Paul is using the picture of athletes, he is really talking about the Christian life. “In a race everyone runs, but only one person gets first prize. So run your race to win. To win you must deny many things that keep you from doing your best. An athlete goes to all this trouble just to win a blue ribbon. But we do it for a heavenly reward that never disappears.”



3. Why doesn't Paul mind being chained up? See 2 Timothy for your answer. Verse 10: "I am willing to suffer. I do this so salvation and eternal glory in Christ Jesus will come to God's chosen."

**Read 2 Timothy chapter 2, verses 14 – 16.**

1. What does Paul say in Titus 3:9 about quarrels that is like what he tells Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:14? "Don't argue about foolish questions and ideas. And don't argue and quarrel about obeying the Jewish laws. This kind of thing isn't worthwhile. It only does harm." ["The danger was that the consideration of basic doctrine (e.g. vv. 8,11-13,19) might be replaced by **words** (14), **godless chatter** (16) and destructive **teaching** (17). This sort of thing says Paul, **is of no value**, it provides no food for the soul; instead **it only ruins those who listen**, for it unsettles and turns men away from the truth" (BRUCE).]
2. Why should Christians stay away from godless talk? Verses 16, 17 & 23: "Stay away from discussions that lead people into the sin of anger with each other. Things will be said that will burn and hurt for a long time to come. Hymenaeus and Philetus love to argue. They are men like that. Again I say, don't get involved in foolish arguments. They only upset people and make them angry." [This type of talk also "results in progress in the wrong direction— becoming more and more ungodly" (16) (BRUCE).]
3. What does Paul say every Christian is supposed to do? Verse 19: "But God's truth stands firm like a great rock. Nothing can shake it! It is a foundation stone. On it is written, 'The Lord knows those who are really his.' It also says, 'A person who calls himself a Christian should **stay away from wrong.**'"
4. What must the Lord's servant do and not do? Verse 24: "God's people must not argue. They must be gentle, patient teachers of those who are wrong."
5. **PERSONAL:** Did you memorize any verses? How can you avoid godless talk if you don't know what godly talk is? And the way you know godly words is by memorizing God's word.

## 2 TIMOTHY LESSON 2

### Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's ok to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.
- d. With some questions, it might be helpful to write the scripture verses on your paper.

### Read 2 Timothy chapter 3, verses 1 – 9.

1. How will people be living in the last days?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How should Christians deal with these people?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What does Paul tell Timothy about some of the people in the church in the last days in 1 Timothy 4:1?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Even Peter tells us what will happen in the last days. What does he say in 2 Peter 3:3,4?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. **PERSONAL:** Peter continues his message about the last days, or end times in 2 Peter 3:10-13. He warns, "The day of the Lord is surely coming. It will come as suddenly as a thief in the night. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise. The heavenly bodies will disappear in fire. The earth and everything on it will be burned up. Yes, everything is going to melt! So now, what holy lives we should be living! You should look forward to that day and hurry it along. It is the day when God will set the heavens on fire. The heavenly bodies will melt and disappear in flames. But we are looking forward to God's promise of new heavens and a new earth. Only goodness will be there." If you are a child of God, there is no need to be afraid of this time. You can become God's child by confessing your sins, believing in your heart that Jesus is Lord, and asking Him into your life to lead, guide, and help you live to please Him. Have you done that yet? Now is the time.

**Read 2 Timothy chapter 3, verses 10 – 17.**

1. Paul says he had all kinds of problems. What kinds of problems did Paul list in 2 Corinthians 11:23-27?

2. What do these verses say about people who live to please God?

Psalm 34:19

2 Timothy 3:12

3. What do Paul and Peter say about God's Word in these verses?

2 Timothy 3:16,17

2 Peter 1:20,21

**Read 2 Timothy chapter 4, verses 1 – 8.**

1. Paul tells Timothy in verse 2, "Preach the Word of God at all times. Do it whenever you get the chance. Do it in season and out. Do it when it is convenient and when it is not. Correct and rebuke people when they need it. Encourage them to do right. All the time feed them patiently with God's Word." In 2 Peter 3:15, why are we to be ready to tell others about Jesus as Paul tells Timothy to be?

2. **CHALLENGE:** Reread 2 Timothy 3:2-5. These verses tell us what will be happening in the last days. What else will be going on then, too?

3. **RISKY:** What do you think Paul is saying in chapter 4, verse 6? If you need more help, see Philippians 1:23.
4. What is Paul looking forward to receiving?

**Read 2 Timothy chapter 4, verses 9 –22.**

1. Why did Demas leave Paul?
2. Paul wants Timothy to come to him before winter sets in. What does Paul want Timothy to bring to him?
3. Who should Timothy be on guard against and why?
4. **RISKY:** Who was with Paul at his first defense trial?
5. **PERSONAL:** How many verses have you memorized? The Lord Jesus Christ promises in Matthew 28:20b: “I am with you always, even to the end of the world.” This would be a good verse to hide in your heart.

## 2 TIMOTHY - WEEK THREE

### DISCUSS LESSON 2

15 - 20 minutes free time - games, fellowship

15 - 20 minutes snack and group recreation: SNATCH THE BACON

Divide your group into two teams facing each other behind two opposing goal lines. Place an object, the BACON, at a point half-way between the goal lines. Each player is given a number with both teams having corresponding numbers. Number one team from one end, and the opposing team begin numbering at the opposite end so that the same numbered players face each other diagonally. The leader calls out a number, and those two players having that number race to the center and try to snatch the BACON and return to the team goal without being tagged by the other player. If tagged, the tagging team gets one point. Each successful return gains two points for the returning team. Some team players like to wait a moment before snatching the bacon in order to catch their opponent off guard. This tactic adds tension and skill to a simple game.

The bacon is returned to the center after each tag or return, and another number is called. To add further interest, two numbers can be called at once. A designated point limit or time limit determines the end of play.

15 - 20 minutes discuss LESSON 2

to end of class CRAFT: POTPOURRI POUCH

#### MATERIALS:

spices: dried orange & lemon peels, whole cloves, whole allspice  
4" circle fabric edged with pinking shears  
2" ribbon white glue  
cinnamon sticks and oil D-rings  
curling ribbon rubber bands  
paper cup plastic spoons

Fold an edge of the 2" ribbon over the ring and glue. Cut points into the other end of the ribbon. Place a spoonful of allspice, cloves, orange, lemon, and several drops of cinnamon oil into a cup. Mix well. Pour potpourri into center of circle and gather ends. Secure pouch with rubber band. Lay the pouch on the ribbon hanger. Tie the curling ribbon around the large ribbon and pouch. Add a stick of cinnamon to the top knot and add a bow.

## 2 TIMOTHY — LESSON 2 ANSWERS

### Read 2 Timothy chapter 3, verses 1 – 9.

1. How will people be living in the last days? Verses 2-4: “People will love only themselves and their money. They will be proud and boastful, laughing at God. They will not obey their parents. They will be ungrateful, and bad through and through. They will be hardheaded and never give in to others. They will be liars and troublemakers. They will think nothing of being immoral. They will be rough and cruel. They will sneer at those who try to be good. They will betray their friends. They will be hotheaded, puffed up with pride. They will want to have a good time rather than worship God.” [The last days term was used by Christians to describe the time “just before the second coming of Christ” (QUEST).]
2. How should Christians deal with these people? Verse 5: “They will go to church, but they won’t believe anything they hear. Don’t be taken in by people like that.”
3. What does Paul tell Timothy about some of the people in the church in the last days in 1 Timothy 4:1? “The Holy Spirit tells us clearly about the last times. Some in the church will turn away from Christ. They will become followers of teachers with devilish ideas.”
4. Even Peter tells us what will happen in the last days. What does he say in 2 Peter 3:3,4? “They will say, ‘So Jesus promised to come back, did he? Then where is he? He’ll never come! Everything has stayed just as it was since the first day of creation.’”
5. **PERSONAL:** Peter continues his message about the last days, or end times in 2 Peter 3:10-13. He warns, “The day of the Lord is surely coming. It will come as suddenly as a thief in the night. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise. The heavenly bodies will disappear in fire. The earth and everything on it will be burned up. Yes, everything is going to melt! So now, what holy lives we should be living! You should look forward to that day and hurry it along. It is the day when God will set the heavens on fire. The heavenly bodies will melt and disappear in flames. But we are looking forward to God’s promise of new heavens and a new earth. Only goodness will be there.” If you are a child of God, there is no need to be afraid of this time. You can become God’s child by confessing your sins, believing in your heart that Jesus is Lord, and asking Him into your life to lead, guide, and help you live to please Him. Have you done that yet? Now is the time.

### Read 2 Timothy chapter 3, verses 10 – 17.

1. Paul says he had all kinds of problems. What kinds of problems did Paul list in 2 Corinthians 11:23-27? “They say they serve Christ? But I have **served him far more!** Do you think I have gone mad to boast like this? I have **worked harder**. I have been **put in jail** more often. I have been **whipped times without number**. I have **faced death** again and again and again. **Five different times** the Jews gave me their terrible **39 lashes**. **Three times** I was **beaten with rods**.”

**Once I was stoned. Three times my ship was wrecked. Once I was in the open sea all night and the whole next day. I have traveled many weary miles. I am often in danger from the hands of people who are not Jews, too. I have faced danger in the cities, in the deserts, and in the seas. I have been in danger from men who pretend to believe in Christ. I have lived with weariness and pain and sleepless nights. I have been hungry and thirsty and have gone without food. Often I have shivered with cold because I had no clothes to keep me warm.**

2. What do these verses say about people who live to please God?

Psalm 34:19 “The good man does not escape all troubles. But the Lord helps him in each and every one.”

2 Timothy 3:12 “Those who live godly lives for Christ will be hurt by those who hate him.”

3. What do Paul and Peter say about God’s word in these verses?

2 Timothy 3:16,17 “The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God. It is useful to teach us what is true. It helps us to know what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and helps us do what is right. It makes us well prepared and fully equipped to do good to everyone.”

2 Peter 1:20,21 “No prophecy in the Bible was thought up by the prophet himself. The Holy Spirit within these godly men gave them true messages from God.”

### **Read 2 Timothy chapter 4, verses 1 – 8.**

1. Paul tells Timothy in verse 2, “Preach the Word of God at all times. Do it whenever you get the chance. Do it in season and out. Do it when it is convenient and when it is not. Correct and rebuke people when they need it. Encourage them to do right. All the time feed them patiently with God’s Word.” In 2 Peter 3:15, why are we to be ready to tell others about Jesus as Paul tells Timothy to be? “And remember why he is waiting. He is giving us time to get his message of salvation out to others. Our wise and beloved brother Paul has talked about these things in his letters.”
2. **CHALLENGE:** Reread 2 Timothy 3:2-5. These verses tell us what will be happening in the last days. What else will be going on then, too? Chapter 4, verses 3,4: “There is going to come a time when people won’t listen to the truth. They will look for teachers to tell them just what they want to hear. They won’t listen to the Bible. They will happily follow their own ideas.”
3. **RISKY:** What do you think Paul is saying in chapter 4, verse 6? If you need more help, see Philippians 1:23. 2 Timothy 4:6: “I say this because I won’t be around to help you very much longer. My time has almost run out. Very soon now I will be on my way to heaven.” Philippians 1:23: “Sometimes I want to live, and at other times I don’t. For I long to go and be with Christ. How much happier for me than being here!” [In no uncertain terms, Paul is telling Timothy he

is about to die. He uses the imagery of the Old Testament sacrifice of pouring wine around the base of the altar. Paul had seen emperor Nero once. He is waiting for his final examination and ultimately death. “He knew it would not be crucifixion, for a citizen of the Roman Empire was not crucified. If the death penalty was demanded by the State, it would be decapitation, hence the figurative reverence to a libation” (The Pastoral Epistles in the Greek New Testament, by Kenneth S. Wuest, p. 160, SHEPHERD’S NOTES).]

4. What is Paul looking forward to receiving? Verse 8: CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. “In Heaven a crown is waiting for me. The Lord, the righteous Judge, will give it to me on the day he comes back. He won’t only give it to me. He will give it to all those who are happy he is coming back.”

### **Read 2 Timothy chapter 4, verses 9 –22.**

1. Why did Demas leave Paul? Verse 10a: “Demas has left me. He loved the good things of this life and went to Thessalonica.
2. Paul wants Timothy to come to him before winter sets in. What does Paul want Timothy to bring to him? Verse 13: “When you come bring the coat I left at Troas with Carpus. Also bring the books, but especially bring the parchments.” [Remember, Paul was in an underground dungeon, and winter was setting in, making the cold and damp more unbearable. The cloak was probably made of wool, and would help keep him warm. The Bible does not explain what the books or parchments contained.]
3. Who should Timothy be on guard against and why? Verses 14,15: “Alexander the coppersmith has done me much harm. The Lord will punish him. But be careful of him, for he fought against everything we said.”
4. **RISKY:** Who was with Paul at his first defense trial? Verses 16,17: “The first time I was brought before the judge, no one here helped me. Everyone had run away. I hope that they will not be blamed for it. But the Lord stood with me and gave me power. He gave me the chance to boldly preach for all the world to hear. And he saved me from being thrown to the lions.”
5. **PERSONAL:** How many verses have you memorized? The Lord Jesus Christ promises in Matthew 28:20b: “I am with you always, even to the end of the world.” This would be a good verse to hide in your heart.