

# Sample Study

## 2 Timothy

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**Read - 2 Timothy 1:1-18; other references as given.**

1. Paul was an apostle (lit. one sent out by a commissioning agent) of Jesus Christ by whose will?
  
2. Paul knew he was called to be an apostle **by the will of God** (v. 1). In 1 Timothy, Paul said his apostleship was **by the commandment of God** (cf. 1 Tim. 1:1). The two phrases are essentially synonymous - God's commands are His will. Some Christians are not certain what God's will is for their lives.
  - a. List three important aspects of God's will that apply to all believers (Eph. 6:5, 6; 1 Thess. 4:2-5; 5:18).
  
  - b. What three things must a Christian do before he can consistently discern God's will for his life (Ro. 12:1, 2; the word **prove**, Greek - *dokimadzo* - to approve after testing, to discern)?
  
3. Paul called Timothy his **beloved son** (v. 2; literally. child) even though Timothy's biological father was a Greek and probably an unbeliever (cf. Acts 16:1-3). What *do you think* Paul was saying about his relationship with Timothy when he called Timothy his son (Phi. 2:19-22)?
  
4. Many Bible scholars believe Timothy was still pastoring at Ephesus when he received Paul's second letter (cf. 1 Tim. 1:3). On a previous occasion Timothy had expressed his sadness with tears (v. 4). Now it appears he had become discouraged and intimidated in the ministry as a result of some opposition to the truth (vv. 6-8).
  - a. What three heavenly gifts did Paul want Timothy to experience in greater degree (v. 2)?
  
  - b. Name four practical things Paul did to encourage Timothy (vv. 1-5).



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1. God's.
2. a.
  1. Christians should serve the Lord diligently in their place of employment (Eph. 6:5-9).
  2. They should abstain from sexual immorality (1 Thess. 4:2-5).
  3. They should be thankful for everything that God allows to come into their lives (1 Thess. 5:18).b.
  1. The Christian must present himself to God as a living sacrifice (v.1).
  2. He must not accept the world's value system (v. 2; i. e., not be conformed to this world).
  3. He must allow his mind to be constantly renewed by the Word of God (v. 2).
3. Paul was saying that Timothy had served him as a faithful and obedient child.
4. a. Grace, mercy, and peace.  
b.
  1. Paul reached out to Timothy in his time of need (by letter).
  2. Paul reaffirmed his love for Timothy when he called him his dearly beloved son (v. 2).
  3. Paul reassured Timothy that he was praying for him (v. 3).
  4. Paul told Timothy that he wanted to see him (v. 4).
  5. Paul expressed compassion for Timothy's situation rather than criticizing him (v. 4).
  6. Paul expressed confidence in Timothy's spiritual relationship with God even though Timothy was discouraged at the time (v. 5).
5. Answers will vary.
6.
  1. An unwavering commitment to the truth.
  2. A genuine love for other Christians and the lost.
  3. A passionate pursuit of God.
  4. Other answers could apply.
7. a.
  1. Salvation alone will not guarantee continued spiritual vitality.
  2. God has given His people the personal responsibility of keeping themselves spiritually vibrant. This does not mean that the Christian does not need God's help to accomplish this objective (cf. Jn. 15:5).
  3. God's gifts are free, but they can be abused by neglect.
  4. Other answers could apply.b. The Greek word for stir up means to stir up the smoldering embers into a living flame, to keep at white heat. General Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, once said to his followers: "The tendency of fire is to go out; watch the fire on the altar of your heart." The believer should do his best to maintain a close communion with God through daily Bible study, prayer, and consistent fellowship with other believers in a Bible-believing church where Christ is honored and he is encouraged by the faith of others (cf. 2 Tim. 2:22). (Note: Other answers could apply.)
8. a. A spirit of fear.  
b. Satan. The Bible says that Satan came to steal, kill, and destroy (cf. Jn. 10:10). Satan attempts to steal the peace and joy that God wants every believer to experience by tempting them with feelings of doubt and fear.  
c. Power, love and a sound mind (v. 7).