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A Practical Study of 2 TIMOTHY: 12 Steps to a Fantastic Finish

“The Fine Art of Finishing Well”

PART II – Steps 7-12

2 Timothy 2:20-4:22

Key verse 2:15 — *“Make every effort to present yourself to God, approved, as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, guiding the word of truth along a straight path.”*

STEP NUMBER SEVEN – SATANIC SEDUCTION: I AM KEEPING MY EYES ON JESUS – 2 TIMOTHY 2:20-26

KEY VERSE 2:22

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v. 20 Now in a large house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some indeed for honorable use and some for dishonorable use.

v. 21 If therefore, a person cleanse himself from these, he shall be a vessel for honorable use, having been set apart, useful to the master, having been prepared for every good work.

v. 22 Now be fleeing from the passions of youth, but pursuing after righteousness, faith, love, peace in company with those who are calling upon the Lord out of a pure heart.

v. 23 But be avoiding foolish and stupid speculations knowing that they are giving birth to quarrels.

v. 24 Now the servant of the Lord must not be quarrelsome but to be kind toward all, skillful in teaching, bearing evil without resentment.

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v. 25 In gentleness correcting those who are opposing; If perhaps God may grant them repentance resulting in a knowledge of the truth.

v. 26 And they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him, under the spell of his will.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 2 Timothy 2:20-26 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Are you a vessel that is clean and available for the Lord to use?

3. What kind of a “vessel” do you think you are?

4. What must a person do to be “a vessel for honorable use,” according to verse 21?

5. Are you a “vessel for honorable use . . . set apart, useful to the master,” and equipped for “every good work” (verse 21)?

6. What must we “flee” and what must we “pursue,” according to verse 22?

7. How is the “servant of the Lord” to conduct himself in ministry, according to verses 24 & 25?

8. What are some of the “snares” that the devil uses to “hold captive” believers that have fallen into his trap? (verse 26).

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Satan’s plan for your life is for you to live in denial, defense, defeat, and ultimately, destruction.

LESSON #2: Satan is very much aware of your weaknesses and tendencies. He has the home field advantage.

LESSON #3: Is the passion of your heart to be a “vessel for honorable use” (verse 21)?

LESSON #4: Is your “vessel” clean so that God can use you?

LESSON #5: Are you “useful to the master” and “prepared for every good work” (verse 21)?

LESSON #6: Are you “fleeing from the passions of youth” (verse 22)?

LESSON #7: Are you “pursuing after righteousness, faith, love, peace in company with those who are calling upon the Lord out of a pure heart” (verse 22)?

LESSON #8: As far as you know right now, is your heart pure before the Lord?

LESSON #9: Are you “avoiding foolish and stupid speculations” (verse 23)?

LESSON #10: As a “servant of the Lord,” are you “kind toward all, skillful in teaching, bearing evil without resentment, and in gentleness correcting those who are opposing” (verses 24 & 25)?

LESSON #11: Has the Lord used you recently to precipitate “repentance resulting in a knowledge of the truth” (verse 25)?

LESSON #12: Are there those in your circle of friends who have been caught in “the snare of the devil” and do you have a plan for helping them to come to their senses? (verse 26)

LESSON #13: Step #7 for a fantastic finish is recognizing satanic seduction: I am keeping my eyes on Jesus.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STEP NUMBER EIGHT – COUNTER CULTURE: LORD, WHERE YOU LEAD ME I WILL FOLLOW – 2 TIMOTHY 3:1-9

KEY VERSE 3:5

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- v. 1 But be knowing this, that in the last days hard times will set in.
- v. 2 For men will be fond of themselves (selfish), lovers of money, boasters, arrogant, slanderers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy.
- v. 3 Without natural affection, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, not loving the good.
- v. 4 Traitors, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.
- v. 5 While having an outward form of godliness, although they have denied its power; and turn away from such men as these.
- v. 6 For of these are those who are worming their way into houses and captivating silly women having been overwhelmed by their sins, who are being led on by various desires.
- v. 7 Always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- v. 8 Now in the same manner as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also are these opposing the truth, Men depraved in mind, disqualified concerning the faith.
- v. 9 But they will not make further progress, for their folly shall become quite evident to all, as also that of those two came to be.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 2 Timothy 3:1-9 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What does Paul say about the “last days” in verse 1?

3. Make a list of the nineteen characteristics of the “last days” recorded in verses 2-5.

4. Describe what you think Paul means in verse 4 by the phrase: “lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.”

5. What do you think Paul means by the phrase: “having an outward form of godliness, although they have denied its power,” in verse 5?

6. What does Paul mean by the phrase: “Having been overwhelmed by their sins,” in verse 6?

7. What does Paul mean in verse 7 by the phrase: “learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth”?

8. The men who are “opposing the truth” are described in three ways in verse 8, how are they described?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Be constantly keeping this in mind, “that in the last days [cruel and] hard times will set in” (verse 1).

LESSON #2: The “last days” refers to any time from the resurrection of Jesus Christ to His coming again to take us to be with Himself.

LESSON #3: There are nineteen characteristics of those who chose to live life in Satan’s traps (see verses 2-5).

LESSON #4: Love of self and love of “money” are the roots of many of these other ugly characteristics of those who are living a false profession (verse 2).

LESSON #5: They are “lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God” (verse 4).

LESSON #6: They have an “outward form of godliness, although they have denied its power” (verse 5).

LESSON #7: Paul commands Timothy to “turn away from such men as these” (verse 5).

LESSON #8: They are “always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth” (verse 7).

LESSON #9: Are you on track spiritually?

LESSON #10: Are you growing and changing?

LESSON #11: Are you experiencing His power?

LESSON #12: Do you have a hunger for the Word?

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

**STEP NUMBER NINE – FAITHFUL: MAY HE FIND ME FAITHFUL
– 2 TIMOTHY 3:10-17**

KEY VERSE 3:14

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v. 10 But you followed faithfully my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, steadfastness, love, perseverance,

v. 11 Persecutions, sufferings, such as came to me in Antioch, in Iconium, in Lystra, what manner of persecutions I endured; and out of them all the Lord delivered me.

v. 12 And indeed all those who are desiring to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

v. 13 But evil men and imposters will go on from bad to worse, leading astray and being led astray.

v. 14 But you be remaining in the things which you learned and became convinced of, knowing from whom you learned them.

v. 15 And that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to make you wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

v. 16 Every Scripture is God-breathed and beneficial for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for training in righteousness,

v. 17 in order that the man of God may be adequate, having been equipped for every good work.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What nine ways has Timothy been faithful to follow the apostle, according to verses 10 & 11?

3. What has the Lord done for the apostle, according to verse 11?

4. How will those who are “desiring to live godly in Christ Jesus” be treated, according to verse 12?

5. What does Paul say about “evil men and imposters,” in verse 13?

6. What is Paul commanded to do in verse 14?

7. What are the scriptures able to do for us, according to verse 15?

8. In what four ways are the scriptures beneficial to us, according to verse 16?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Step #9 is Faithful: May He Find Me Faithful.

LESSON #2: The world crowns success, but God crowns faithfulness.

LESSON #3: Timothy was faithful to listen to his mentor and follow his model.

LESSON #4: Suffering is part of the godly life.

LESSON #5: The Word of God is our message to the world.

LESSON #6: The Lord has been faithful to deliver Paul out of all his troubles.

LESSON #7: Things keep getting worse and worse for the non-Christian and better and better for the Christian.

LESSON #8: The Word of God teaches us, turns us, tests us, and trains us (verse 16).

LESSON #9: The culture is going down but you stay by the stuff.

LESSON #10: The secret to faithfulness is to stay steadfast in the storm.

LESSON #11: It is never too early to start exposing our children to the Scriptures.

LESSON #12: The Scriptures make us “wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus” (verse 15).

LESSON #13: Scripture is “beneficial for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for training in righteousness” (verse 16).

LESSON #14: Knowledge of the Scriptures prepares us to “be adequate” and to be “equipped for every good work” (verse 17).

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STEP NUMBER TEN – PASSION: PLEASING YOU IS MY RULING PASSION
– 2 TIMOTHY 4:1-8

KEY VERSE 4:2

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- v. 1 I am charging you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, the one who is about to be judging the living and the dead and by His appearing and His kingdom.
- v. 2 Preach the word, hold yourself in readiness when it is convenient and when it is inconvenient, reprove, rebuke, exhort with unlimited patience and teaching.
- v. 3 For the time will come when they will not listen willingly to wholesome instruction, But after their own desires, they will accumulate to themselves a great many teachers who are tickling their ears.
- v. 4 And they will turn away their ears from the truth and will wander off into myths.
- v. 5 But you be self-possessed under all circumstances, bear hardship patiently, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.
- v. 6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.

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v. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course; I have kept the faith.

v. 8 In the future there is reserved for me, the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge will award to me on that day and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 2 Timothy 4:1-8 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What is the Lord about to do, according to verse 1?

3. What is Timothy charged to do, according to verse 2?

4. How is the culture going to respond in the last days to the teaching of the Word, according to verses 3 & 4?

5. Outline what Timothy is supposed to do in this situation, according to verse 5.

6. What does Paul say about his present circumstances, according to verse 6?

7. What three things does Paul say about his ministry, according to verse 7?

8. What does Paul have to look forward to in the future, according to verse 8?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Can you say to the Lord right now, “Lord, pleasing You is my ruling passion”?

LESSON #2: Only passions, great passions, can elevate the soul to great things.

LESSON #3: The runner who puts the last ounce of effort into the race feels the glorious satisfaction of having given everything to the moment.

LESSON #4: Are you carrying out Paul’s five-fold charge to Timothy in your life today? “Preach the word, hold yourself in readiness when it is convenient and when it is inconvenient, reprove, rebuke, exhort with unlimited patience and teaching” (verse 2).

LESSON #5: Are you endeavoring to be obedient to the four things Paul says to Timothy in verse 5? “But you be self-possessed under all circumstances, bear hardship patiently, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”

LESSON #6: In view of your impending departure in death, are you living by the words of the Psalmist in “numbering your days and applying your heart to wisdom”? (Psalm 90:12).

LESSON #7: How concerned are you for the lost and doing “the work of an evangelist”? (verse 5).

LESSON #8: What are you doing presently to reach out and touch the lives of others?

LESSON #9: Are you consistent in your walk with God?

LESSON #10: If you died right now, could you say, “I fought, I finished, I kept”? (verse 7).

LESSON #11: Are you looking forward to His coming?

LESSON #12: Your departure gate and flight time have already been scheduled on the great computers in the sky.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STEP NUMBER ELEVEN – SERVANTHOOD: MAY I HEAR WELL-DONE
– 2 Timothy 4:9-15

KEY VERSE 4:10

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v. 9 Make every effort to come to me soon.
v. 10 For Demas deserted me, having loved this present world, and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia; Titus to Dalmatia.
v. 11 Luke alone is with me. Pick up Mark and be bringing him with you, For he is useful to me for service.
v. 12 But Tychicus I sent to Ephesus.
v. 13 When you are coming, be bringing the cloak which I left at Troas with Carpus, also the books, especially the parchments.
v. 14 Alexander, the coppersmith, did me a great deal of harm; the Lord will pay him back according to his deeds.
v. 15 And you also be guarding yourself against him for he vigorously opposed our words.



QUESTIONS:

1. Read 2 Timothy 4:9-15 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What caused Demas to desert the ministry, according to verse 10?

3. Read 1 John 2:15-17 and describe the world from John’s perspective.

4. How is Mark described in verse 11?

5. Read Mark 10:45 and answer this question: Am I considered by others as a faithful servant?

6. What instructions does Paul give to Timothy in verse 13?

7. What did Alexander the coppersmith do to Paul? What will the Lord do in response?

8. Read Isaiah 54:17 and describe what Paul asks Timothy to do, with regard to Alexander the coppersmith in verse 15.

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Do you have a reputation of being a person who is available at a time of emergency?

LESSON #2: Is the Lord and what He wants the most important thing in your life?

LESSON #3: Isn't it a comfort that the Lord will never leave us nor forsake us?

LESSON #4: Mark teaches us that having made a mistake does not mean that we cannot finish strong in the accomplishment of the Lord's mission for our lives.

LESSON #5: Are you known as a person who is "useful" in the Lord's service? (verse 11).

LESSON #6: Do you often drop everything and answer urgent requests?

LESSON #7: The choice is dedicate or desert.

LESSON #8: What are the things you would ask for if you knew you did not have long to live?

LESSON #9: Are you careful and concerned about your relationships with others?

LESSON #10: One of the greatest things you can do to help you with the problem of loneliness is to make lots of good friends.

LESSON #11: Are there some people who have done you a "great deal of harm" and you need to let go and let the Lord take care of that situation? (verse 14).

LESSON #12: There will never come a time in your life when you are allowed to cease to serve.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STEP NUMBER TWELVE – FINISHER: YOU FOUGHT AND YOU FINISHED **– 2 TIMOTHY 4:16-22**

KEY VERSE 4:18

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v. 16 At my first defense no one stood with me, but all deserted me; may it not be counted against them.

v. 17 But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, in order that through me the proclamation might be fully proclaimed and that all the Gentiles might hear; and I was delivered out of the Lion's mouth.

v. 18 The Lord will deliver me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom; to Him be the glory forever and ever, Amen.

v. 19 Greet Prisca and Aquila and the household of Onesiphorus.

v. 20 Erastus remained in Corinth, but Trophimus, being ill, I left behind in Miletus.

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v. 21 Make every effort to come before winter. Eubulus and Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brethren are sending greetings to you.

v. 22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 2 Timothy 24:16-22 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. How does Paul characterize his court appearance in verse 16?

3. What did the Lord do for Paul, according to verse 17?

4. What was Paul's number one priority and concern, according to verse 17?

5. What two things will the Lord do for the apostle, according to verse 18?

6. What three people does Paul want Timothy to "greet," according to verse 19?

7. What happened to Trophimus, according to verse 20?

8. What does Paul ask Timothy to do, according to verse 21?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The Lord delights in those who finish well.

LESSON #2: Failure to prepare is preparation for failure.

LESSON #3: Are you prepared in your heart to stand alone if it is necessary?

LESSON #4: Are you free with your forgiveness for those who fail you?

LESSON #5: We can always count on the Lord being with us in every situation of life.

LESSON #6: You can always count on the Lord's presence and power.

LESSON #7: He will always be there to deliver His own, whether in life or in death.

LESSON #8: Paul is praising the Lord in the prison, he is singing in the storm.

LESSON #9: When we know God stands with us, it does not matter who stands against us.

LESSON #10: It is good for us to be concerned that when it comes our time to die, we will be triumphant and victorious witnesses for our Lord and Savior.

LESSON #11: God is available to meet our needs through the people who are around us.

LESSON #12: It is good for us to make preparations to have a message as part of our legacy that lives on after we are gone.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:
