

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Second Timothy Bible Study — II Timothy 1:1-5 Lesson #1

****INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the entire section of Scripture in Second Timothy before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word. Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version.

1-2 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the WILL of God, **according to the PROMISE of LIFE which is in Christ Jesus**, to **TIMOTHY, my BELOVED SON**: grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

• **I Timothy 1:1-2** “_____, an _____ of _____ by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope, to _____, my true _____ in the _____: grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.”

• **II Corinthians 1:1-2** “Paul, an _____ of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and _____ our _____, to the _____ of God which is at Corinth, with all the _____ who are in Achaia: _____ to you and _____ from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

• **I Timothy 4:8** “For bodily exercise profits a little, but _____ is profitable for _____ things, having _____ of the _____ that now is and of that which is to _____.”

Definition: “According to the PROMISE of LIFE which is in Christ Jesus” – God the Father has PROMISED us eternal LIFE through faith in His Son Jesus Christ. All through the Old Testament, this promise was given, even though many people did not understand it completely. They believed God to the best of their ability, **died without knowing WHO would be the Messiah, but having faith that God would provide everlasting LIFE through Him**, and they were RAISED to LIFE after Jesus Himself rose from the dead.

• **John 1:4** “In _____ was _____, and the life was the _____ of men.”

• **I John 5:11** “And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal _____, and this _____ is in His _____.”

• **Romans 8:10** “And if _____ is _____ you, the body is _____ because of _____, but the _____ is _____ because of righteousness.”

• **I John 5:20** “And we know that the _____ of _____ has come, and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true, and we are in Him who is true, in His _____ Jesus Christ. This is the true God and _____.”

Definition: “The SPIRIT is LIFE” — In this verse, the word “spirit” should NOT be capitalized, meaning the Holy Spirit, but “spirit”, meaning your HUMAN SPIRIT within you. **You are given LIFE, your spirit is REBORN and MADE ALIVE** in Christ Jesus when you receive Him as your Lord and Savior.

• **Ephesians 2:1** “And you *He made* _____, who were _____ in your trespasses and _____.”

• **Ephesians 2:4-5** “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were _____ in trespasses (sins), made us _____ together with _____ (by grace you have been saved);”

Definition: “TIMOTHY, my BELOVED SON” – Paul had led Timothy to faith in Jesus Christ, so he loved him as a son and refers to him as **his “son in the faith.”** He was not Paul’s son by blood, but by faith in Christ. Paul helped Timothy to come to Christ and be born again, so he feels like **his**

spiritual father and calls him his “son” in that sense, but Timothy is still his BROTHER in Christ, as well.. **In some of Paul's epistles, Timothy was traveling with Paul**, since Paul says “and Timothy” when beginning his letter, such as to the Colossian church. Other times, Paul sent Timothy when he himself could not go to one of the churches.

•**Colossians 1:1-2** “_____, an _____ of Jesus Christ by the will of God, _____ our _____. To the _____ and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse: grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

•**I Corinthians 4:17** “For this reason I have sent _____ to you, who is my _____ and _____ in the _____, who will remind you of my _____ in _____, as I teach everywhere in every _____.”

3-5 I thank **God, whom I serve with a PURE CONSCIENCE**, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day, greatly desiring to see you, **being mindful of your TEARS**, that I may be filled with JOY, when I call to remembrance the genuine **FAITH that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice**, and I am persuaded is in you also.

•**Acts 16:1** “Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain _____ was there, named _____, the son of a certain _____ woman who _____, but his father was _____. He was _____ spoken of by the _____ who were at Lystra and Iconium.”

•**I Timothy 1:5** “Now the purpose of the commandment is _____ from a _____ heart, from a _____, and from sincere faith.”

Definition: “God, whom I serve with a PURE CONSCIENCE” – You might think, “How can Paul say his conscience is clear after all the things he did by persecuting the Christians and even having a part in putting some of them to death?” Well, **this is why the GOSPEL is GOOD NEWS for all of us!** God forgives ALL of our SINS when we believe and receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Hallelujah!

•**Galatians 1:13** “For you have heard of my former _____ in Judaism, how I _____ the _____ of _____ beyond measure and _____ to _____ it.”

•**I Corinthians 10:32** “Give no _____, either to the _____ or to the Greeks or to the _____ of _____.”

•**I Corinthians 15:9** “For I am the _____ of the apostles, who am not _____ to be called an apostle, because I _____ the _____ of _____.”

•**Acts 22:4-5** “I _____ this _____ to the _____, binding and delivering into _____ both _____ and _____, as also the high priest bears me witness, and all the council of the elders, from whom I also received _____ to the brethren (fellow Jews), and went to Damascus to _____ in _____ even those who were there to Jerusalem to be _____.”

•**I Timothy 1:12-13** “And I thank Christ _____ our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the _____, although I was _____ a blasphemer, a _____, and an insolent man; but I obtained _____ because I did it _____ in _____.”

• **Acts 9:1-5** “Then Saul, still breathing _____ and _____ against the _____ of the _____, went to the high priest and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the _____, whether _____ or _____, he might bring them _____ to Jerusalem. And as he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a _____ shone around him from _____. Then he fell to the ground, and heard a _____ saying to him, ‘_____, Saul, why are you _____?’ And he said, ‘Who are You, _____?’ And the Lord said, ‘I am _____, whom you are _____. It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’”

Definition: “I PERSECUTED the CHURCH of GOD and TRIED to DESTROY IT” – This is why Paul thought he was the “least of all the saints” and the “greatest” (chief) of all the sinners, because of his persecution and mistreatment of the followers of Christ. Before Paul met the risen Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus, he was so deeply ingrained in the Jewish religion, that he thought he was serving God by persecuting and killing Christians. **In the early days of the church, people referred to the Christians as followers of “the Way” of Christ.**

• **Ephesians 3:8** “To me, who am _____ than the _____ of all the saints, this _____ was _____, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.”

• **I Timothy 1:15** “This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save _____, of whom I am _____.”

Definition: “LOVE from a PURE HEART, from a GOOD CONSCIENCE” – “Love from a pure heart” is pretty much self-explanatory, so let’s look at what it means by having a “good conscience.” **Every person, saved or unsaved, has a conscience that gives them a knowledge of right and wrong, and produces guilt when violated. It is a built-in warning system from God, but it can become desensitized.** When a person violates his conscience enough times, it eventually becomes scarred, or seared (I Timothy 4:2) and that person no longer feels any guilt. Those described in Ephesians 4:19, “Who **being past FEELING**, have given themselves over to licentiousness (no moral restraint), to work all uncleanness with greediness,” are people who no longer feel their conscience, and they have no remorse (feeling sorry) for doing wrong. I believe the conscience of an unsaved person is the last vestige of his or her being made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27). For the Christian, the Bible seems to indicate that our conscience is now working together with the Holy Spirit speaking to us.

• **Romans 9:1** “I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my _____ also bearing me witness in the _____.”

• **I Timothy 4:1-2** “Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will _____ from the _____, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of _____, speaking _____ in hypocrisy, having their own _____ with a hot iron.”

• **John 8:8-9** “And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. Then those who heard it, being _____ by their _____, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.”

• **Titus 1:15** “To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their _____ and _____ are _____.”

• **Hebrews 9:14** “How much more shall the _____ of _____, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge (cleanse) your _____ from _____ works to serve the living God?”

Definition: "DEAD WORKS" – DEAD WORKS are religious works or good deeds done in the power of the flesh, and a person who is operating in their FLESH, and not in FAITH and the power of the Holy Spirit, CANNOT do ANYTHING that will be pleasing to God (Rom. 8:8). Before we are born again by faith in Jesus Christ, we are all DEAD in our sins, and all our works are DEAD works. This is why there is no salvation apart from Jesus Christ, because it is NOT the keeping of laws, commandments, rules, ordinances, or ANY OUTWARD CONDUCT that makes a person RIGHTEOUS. There must be **an INWARD CHANGE, a NEW BIRTH, GOD CREATING** a completely NEW PERSON, for someone to be a part of His Kingdom (John 3:3, Ephesians 2:4-5, 8-9).

Definition: "Being mindful of your TEARS" – Timothy's TEARS could be from the fact that Paul was in prison and that Timothy would not be traveling with him anymore. It could also be from the fact that he was the pastor of a church, and he was having problems with the members of the church. Paul wanted to encourage Timothy to "hang in there" and not give up, and if he continued to do his work as a pastor, **God would bring a good harvest of souls** (that's what "bringing his sheaves with him" means - the sheaves were the bunches of grain reaped during the harvest time). Paul said in II Corinthians 2:4, that he **"wrote to them with many TEARS"** and in II Corinthians 11:28, he said that he carried the burden of being "deeply concerned for all the churches."

• **II Corinthians 2:4** "For out of much affliction and _____ of _____ I wrote to you, with many _____, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the _____ which I have for _____."

• **II Corinthians 11:28** "Besides the other things, what _____ upon me _____: my deep _____ for _____ the _____."

• **Acts 20:36-38** "And when he (Paul) had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. Then they all _____, and fell on Paul's neck and _____ him, _____ most of all for the words which he spoke, that they would _____ his face _____. And they accompanied him to the ship."

• **Psalms 126:5** "Those who sow in _____ shall reap in _____. He who continually goes forth _____, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with _____, bringing his sheaves with him."

• **Galatians 6:9** "And let us _____ grow _____ while doing _____, for in _____ we shall _____ if we do _____ lose heart."

• **Isaiah 38:5** "Go and say to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of David your father, "I have _____ your _____, I have _____ your _____; and I will add to your days fifteen years.'"

Definition: "Let us NOT GROW WEARY while doing GOOD" – It's so easy to "grow weary" and discouraged sometimes, when we are waiting for God to answer our prayers, or waiting to see the results of our work in serving Him. What **we really need is endurance, or patience**, because we are giving up too soon. God's word says **"In DUE SEASON we shall REAP if we do NOT LOSE HEART."** To "not lose heart" means to not become discouraged and give up. **Instead of growing weary and giving up, ASK for the faith, trust, and patience** to put everything in God's hands and **leave the results up to Him.** You can put it all in God's hands because He loves you and wants what is best for you. If you keep on insisting that God answer your prayers YOUR WAY and on YOUR SCHEDULE or timing, that is really a form of PRIDE, and I Peter 5:5 says **"God resists the proud."**

• **Hebrews 10:35-36** "Therefore do _____ cast away your _____, which has great _____. For you have need of _____, so that after you have _____ the _____ of _____, you may receive the _____."