

## 2 Timothy

## **Lesson 8: 2 Timothy 2**

Burnout and sellout are two common realities of pastors in ministry. The pressures of ministry can be overwhelming for a pastor and he can become easily discouraged and burnout. There are also the pressures of the culture and false teachers that are telling pastors to stray from God's Word and give in to the world. Timothy was experiencing difficulties in his ministry and needed some encouragement from his spiritual father. Christia and see

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ans also need encouragement in their daily walk with Christ to stay faithful to God's Word. Let's dive in what encouragement we can gain from Paul's letter to Timothy.		
Read 2 Timothy 2:1–7		
1.	In verse 1, how does Paul refer to Timothy and what command does he give him?	
2.	In verse 2, Paul talks about passing on the truth to others. List the people involved in passing down the truth.	
3.	In verses 3–6, what three analogies does Paul use to describe a strong spiritual life?	
A	<b>pplication:</b> What are some ways others have given you spiritual encouragement when you were discouraged?	

4. In verse 7, what is Paul urging Timothy to do?

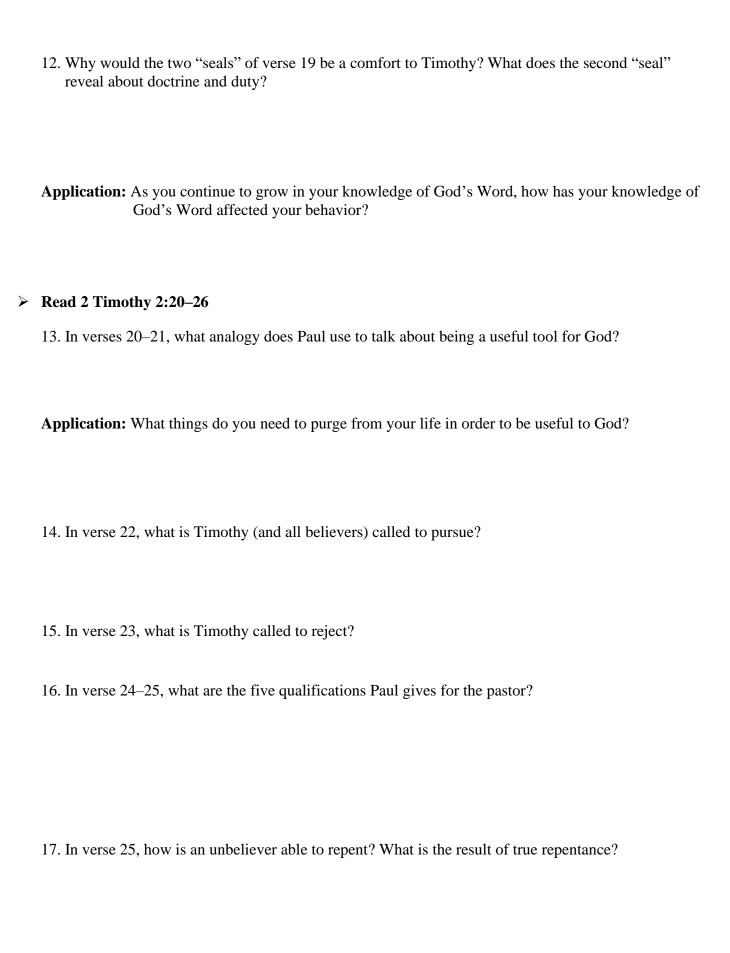
## **Read 2 Timothy 2:8–13**

5. In light of the context, why would Paul tell Timothy to "remember Jesus Christ" in verse 8?

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6.	In verse 9, why would Paul's testimony be an encouragement to Timothy?	
Ap	<b>pplication:</b> What are some ways people try to "imprison the Word of God" today? How does a proper understanding of the power of God's Word motivate you when opposition arises?	
7.	In verse 10, why does Paul use the doctrine of election to encourage Timothy?	
8.	In verses 11–13, Paul quotes what appears to be a familiar poem or hymn. Read the following statements and fill in the rest.	
	• If we died with Him,	
	• If we endure,	
	• If we deny Him,	
	• If we are faithless,	
Read 2 Timothy 2:14–19		
9.	In verses 14, Paul turns away from endurance and encouragement to the struggle against false teachers. What does Paul want Timothy to remind and teach the Ephesian believers?	
10	In verse 15, what is the job of every faithful pastor?	
11	In verse 16, what is Timothy commanded to avoid? Why?	
Ap	<b>oplication:</b> Words matter. What are things you have heard in the church today that are unbiblical? How can you practice discernment in the things you say?	

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