

THE BOOK OF

# 2 Timothy

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# Show Me the Way

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## OPENING QUESTION

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Who are the people you are most likely to pray for?

### READ 2 Timothy 1:1–18.

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#### 1. Who is praying for you?

- A. No one.
- B. Everyone.
- C. My mom.
- D. Family members.
- E. Friends.
- F. Church members.
- G. Someone in a monastery or convent somewhere.
- H. Jesus.
- I. Other.

#### 2. When people pray for you, what are they praying about?

- A. Health.
- B. Wealth.
- C. An easy life.
- D. Faithfulness.
- E. Generosity.
- F. The development of spiritual fruit—love, joy peace, kindness . . .
- G. Endurance through difficulty.
- H. Victory over temptations.
- I. Other.

#### 3. Who are your spiritual fore-runners?

- A. My parents.
- B. Bible writers.
- C. Nobody; I'm trail-blazing.
- D. A mentor.
- E. Certain people at church.
- F. They are all dead now.
- G. The reformers.
- H. Giants of faith I've heard about.
- I. Other.

**4. How has God shown his grace “through Christ” through you?**

- A. Serving the way Jesus served.
- B. Forgiving my sins.
- C. When I forgive others.
- D. Shaping my character to be more Godly.
- E. Miracles—large or small.
- F. I’m not aware of anything from God happening through me.
- G. I’m a very lucky person.
- H. Other.

**5. What have you entrusted to Christ?**

- A. Things I can’t handle.
- B. Things I can handle.
- C. The important things in my life.
- D. The unimportant things in my life.
- E. My love life.
- F. My family.
- G. My work.
- H. My safety.
- I. Other.

**6. Which followers of God have you been ashamed of?**

- A. Too many people in my church.
- B. A surprising number of the people in the Bible.
- C. Homeless people who seem to be spiritual.
- D. Hypocrites.
- E. Christians with addictions.
- F. Muslims.
- G. Legalists.
- H. Christians who lack self-discipline.
- I. Me, myself, and I.
- J. Other.

**7. How can you “fan into flames” the spiritual gift God gave you?**

**8. What precious truths has God given you?**

# Useful

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## OPENING QUESTION

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What is your favorite kitchen utensil or your favorite workbench tool?

### **READ 2 Timothy 2:1–26.**

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**1. What are some “key teachings” about God you have found to be true?**

- A. God loves me (and you).
- B. God demonstrates his power frequently.
- C. God helps those who help themselves.
- D. God can change a person’s life.
- E. God usually allows his followers to suffer persecution.
- F. God created us for intimacy with him.
- G. God created us to serve others.
- H. Other.

**2. What truths are highly important for you to pass on to others?**

- A. Get along with everyone.
- B. Might = Right.
- C. Right = Might.
- D. Forget this life and think about eternal life.
- E. This life is what you have right now—make the most of it.
- F. Treat others the way you would like to be treated.
- G. Life is all about relationships.
- H. Forgiveness is a “game changer.”
- I. Other.

**3. What are examples of the “affairs of this life” that distract you from your commitment to Christ?**

- A. Stuff.
- B. Busyness.
- C. Work.
- D. Financial stress.
- E. Family and friends.
- F. Fun.
- G. Self-care.
- H. Markers of success.
- I. Other.

**4. Who do you identify with the most when it comes to self-discipline in following Christ?**

- A. An athlete training for the big event.
- B. A prisoner seeking parole.
- C. A farmer working the fields.
- D. A soldier in boot camp and beyond.
- E. A pre-med student from college through residency/specialty.
- F. A parent from childbirth to successful launch of one's child.
- G. An entrepreneur who takes calculated risks to reach the goal.
- H. Other.

**5. What kind of tool are you for God?**

- A. Everyday use.
- B. Special occasions.
- C. Disposable.
- D. Rusty.
- E. Just like every other one.
- F. Broken.
- G. God's favorite.
- H. I look better than I actually am.
- I. Other.

**6. Which of the following arguments do you consider useless?**

- A. Creation vs. evolution.
- B. Conservative and liberal.
- C. Health choices, practices, and habits.
- D. Predicting the end of the world.
- E. The relationship of law and grace.
- F. Whether or not God exists.
- G. The role of women in the church.
- H. Identifying which church is the best.
- I. Other.

**7. What are you willing to endure so others will receive salvation?**

**8. How can you correctly explain truth and not get caught up in endless, foolish discussions?**

# For Example

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## OPENING QUESTION

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Describe a time when you felt strongly you were living in the very last days.

### READ 2 Timothy 3:1–17.

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**1. What indicators did Paul give Timothy regarding the last days.**

- A. The United States would be a superpower.
- B. Life would be difficult.
- C. Rabid selfishness.
- D. Children would disobey their parents.
- E. Financial crash.
- F. Scoffing at the idea of God.
- G. Wars and rumors of wars, famines, earthquakes, floods, fires.
- H. The Gospel would be preached to the whole world.
- I. Other.

**2. How do you stay away from the people Paul described in vs. 2-5?**

- A. Don't go outside of my house.
- B. Stay off of social media.
- C. Watch only religious media.
- D. Don't watch religious media.
- E. Join a commune.
- F. It's not possible.
- G. Stick with your friends.
- H. Those kinds of people stay away from me.
- I. Other.

**3. Who were Jannes and Jambres (vs. 8 & 9)?**

- A. Church leaders at Timothy's church.
- B. People who gave Moses a bad time.
- C. This is the only place their name shows up in Scripture.
- D. We may never know.
- E. Two names found on "targums" (OT translations into Aramaic).
- F. Magicians in Pharaoh's court who copied Moses' miracles (*Ex. 7:11*).
- G. Relatives of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram (*Numbers 16*).
- H. The step-brothers of Moses who wanted to become Pharaoh.
- I. Other.

**4. What makes you susceptible to believing what someone else says?**

- A. When it sounds convincing.
- B. The person saying it is charismatic.
- C. I have a gut feeling it's right.
- D. It's "Biblical" and I know what the Bible says about it.
- E. The person saying it is part of my same religion.
- F. Everyone seems to be believing it.
- G. It's counter-cultural or anti-establishment.
- H. It's true in my life.
- I. Other.

**5. How do you relate to Paul's statement that everyone who lives a Godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution (vs. 12)?**

- A. I have suffered.
- B. I really haven't suffered.
- C. I'm expecting to suffer.
- D. Suffering is not one of my spiritual gifts.
- E. That only happens to people like Paul.
- F. I live where there is religious liberty.
- G. I don't relate at all to Paul's statement.
- H. Sometimes I wonder if I'm really living a Godly life.
- I. Other.

**6. All Scripture is inspired (literally "God-breathed). How do you know?**

- A. It's in the Bible.
- B. It is supernatural.
- C. It has stood the test of time.
- D. It was miraculous to make it through the process and committees that made it "The Bible."
- E. It has to inspire me today in order to be truly inspired.
- F. I just grew up with the belief and expectation.
- G. I've tested it and found it to be true and Godly.
- H. I struggle with this.
- I. Other.

**7. What was Paul's purpose in life (vs. 10)? What is yours?**

**8. What does vs. 5 mean: "having a form of godliness but denying its power"?**

# Coming to an End

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## OPENING QUESTION

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If you were stuck in jail, what's a book you'd want someone to bring you?

### READ 2 Timothy 4:1–22.

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**1. When is the best time to “preach the word”?**

- A. During the divine worship hour at church.
- B. Whenever you get the opportunity.
- C. When people don't expect it.
- D. When people do expect it.
- E. When you have something worthwhile to say.
- F. I don't care for sermons or preachers.
- G. “Preaching” is more effective when it's actions instead of words.
- H. Other.

**2. What do you want a preacher to preach to you?**

- A. My favorite topic.
- B. Something new.
- C. Something familiar.
- D. Anything straight out of the Bible, even things I don't really want to hear it.
- E. Include stories and humor.
- F. Something that might provoke me
- G. Doctrines—the things we believe.
- H. Practical living.
- I. Other.

**3. Paul urged Timothy to complete the ministry God had given him (vs. 5). What is left to “complete your ministry”?**

- A. A lot (I'd rather not go into it).
- B. I'm about done.
- C. I have no idea.
- D. There are a few people I really need to tell about Jesus.
- E. I don't serve as much as I think I should.
- F. I need to be more intentional in what I do for God.
- G. I need to be more consistent in what I do for God.
- H. Nobody has given me anything I feel I still need to do.
- I. Other.



**4. How ready are you to meet Jesus?**

- A. I'm ready.
- B. Not yet!
- C. I'm not quite sure.
- D. Bring it on!
- E. I am "so ready"!
- F. Are you threatening me?
- G. I'm done with this life.
- H. I've been anticipating this event my whole life.
- I. Other.

**5. What comes to mind when you think of the prize Christ has for you?**

- A. It's about time!
- B. It will probably be better than I expect.
- C. It might not be all that I want.
- D. As long as I make it to heaven, that's all that matters to me.
- E. What difference does it make; don't we give it all back to Christ?
- F. A crown and a mansion.
- G. I'm so undeserving.
- H. Eternal life.
- I. Other.

**6. Earlier in Paul's ministry, Demas was with him (Philemon 24; Col. 4:14) and Mark deserted him (Acts 13:13; 15:36-40). What might this indicate?**

- A. Things change.
- B. God always provides.
- C. Surprise!
- D. The "things of this world" can have a strong pull on people.
- E. Never give up hope.
- F. Live in the moment.
- G. Be ready to adapt as needed.
- H. Other.

**7. When have you had to stand on your own for Christ?**

**8. Who has been "good" for you and who had been "bad" for you in your Christian journey?**

