

## Study 1

### Read 2 Timothy Chapter 1

#### 2 Timothy 1 Courage to Guard the Truth

- While all around us people are turning away from the truth, stand unashamed for the faith of Jesus Christ! “Kindle afresh” in verse 6 means “get the fire roaring again.” It was used of rousing a horse to its utmost (Thayer). Our spiritual lives can become as exciting as cold spaghetti or chili unless we get before God and by His grace stir our hearts with God’s truth. Notice, Paul takes us right to the great truths of God’s sovereign grace and calling of us into Jesus Christ.

1. Verses 1 What was Paul called to be, how was he called to this, and what was the purpose of his calling?

2. Verses 1-2 What was Paul's special relationship to Timothy? When did they meet and what do you know about Timothy from other books of the New Testament?

3. Verses 2-5 How does Paul assure Timothy of his deep love for him in vss. 2-5? Why was Paul so eager to express these things to Timothy?

4. Verse 5 What does Paul remember about Timothy's family and spiritual background? How does Paul describe Timothy's faith? Do you have anyone like this in your background?

5. Verse 6 What does Paul urge Timothy to do with God's gift? How would he go about doing this?

6. Verse 7 Instead of fearfulness or timidity, explain the three characteristics of the spirit God has given every believer? How do they overcome timidity?

7. Verse 8 In what does Paul urge Timothy to join him? What does this tell you about Timothy?

8. Verse 9 How, why, when, and by whom did God determine to call us to Himself? What kind of calling is it?

9. Verse 10 What did Christ do when He appeared the first time?

10. Verse 11 What three things did God appoint Paul to be? How are these three ministries similar and different?

11. Verse 12 Why was Paul not ashamed to suffer for Christ?

12. Verse 13 What did Paul urge Timothy to retain? How do you apply this today?

13. Verse 14 What are you to guard? How do you do this? By what power can you do this?

14. Verses 15-16 Who turned away from Paul in Asia?

15. Verses 16-18 In what ways was Onesiphorus a special blessing to Paul?

THINK ABOUT IT:

1. How could you use 2 Timothy 1:7 to encourage another believer?

2. What will help us avoid being ashamed or embarrassed about the gospel?

Summing Up ...

“Faithful ministry in the Lord’s service is always bittersweet. It brings suffering and joy, disappointment and gratitude. ... Duty can bring the deepest pain or the highest joy. Spiritual duty unfulfilled brings untold dissatisfaction, regret, and anguish, no matter how easy unfaithfulness may be. On the other hand, spiritual duty fulfilled brings untold satisfaction and happiness, whatever the cost of faithfulness. The Christian who is obedient to his duty under the Lord can say with Peter, ‘If anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not feel ashamed, but in that name let him glorify God’ (1 Pet. 4:16).” —John MacArthur