

II TIMOTHY 2; November 20; A Pastor's Priorities & Needs

ANALYSIS:

1. Can you pick out the different generations of men who were to hold to God's truth according to verse two? _____
2. For whom, and for what reason, did Paul endure all things?

3. Which false teachers does Paul name who said the resurrection was past? _____
4. What was Timothy commanded to flee, _____ and to follow, _____?
5. What characteristics should mark the man of God while dealing with people who oppose themselves? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Paul instructed Timothy to study the word of God which would bring him great benefits (v 15). "Study" describes his work, involving time and effort in reading, comparing and proving what scripture means. "To show thyself approved unto God" points to being commended by God. "A workman that needeth not to be ashamed" means he is confident before the saints. "Rightly dividing the word of truth" indicates he is correct in his understanding and application of the doctrine of God's word.

Paul, although an apostle, requested prayer for himself "that utterance may be given unto me" (Eph 6:19), "that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me" (Rom 15:30), "ye also helping together by prayer for us" (II Cor 1:11), "this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ" (Phil 1:19), "withal praying also for us" (Col 4:2-4), "Brethren, pray for us" (I Thes 5:25), "Pray for us" (Heb 13:18). Remember to pray for your pastor!

HELP:

1. [1] "me" Paul, [2] "thou" Timothy, [3] the "faithful men" whom Timothy would teach, [4] "others" the ones the faithful men would teach.
2. The elect, that they may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory (v 10).
3. Hymenaeus and Philetus (v 17).
4. Flee youthful lusts, follow righteousness, faith, charity and peace (v 22).
5. [1] He must not strive, [2] be gentle, [3] apt to teach, [4] patient, [5] in meekness instructing them that oppose themselves (vs 24-25).