

Student Guide

a worker who does not need to be ashamed

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and who correctly handles the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

How to Study the Bible:

By Kendra Graham:

1. WHAT DOES IT SAY? THE FACTS ONLY.

IN THIS STEP YOU NEED TO LIST THE OUTSTANDING FACTS OF THE PASSAGE. DON'T GET CAUGHT UP IN THE DETAILS, JUST LIST THE FACTS. DO NOT PARAPHRASE. USE THE ACTUAL WORDS OF THE PASSAGE. THIS IS GOD'S WORD, A LOT OF TIMES THIS STEP SEEMS TEDIOUS TO SOME, BUT I URGE YOU, AS WE READ, AND SAY AND WRITE GOD'S WORD, IT BEGINS TO SINK DEEP INTO OUR HEARTS. IF YOU JUST PICK ONE FACT OUT OF THE VERSE, WRITE IT DOWN AND MEDITATE ON IT.

2. WHAT DOES IT MEAN? THE LESSONS

LOOK FOR A LESSON TO LEARN FROM EACH FACT. WHAT ARE THE PEOPLE DOING THAT THEY SHOULD BE DOING? WHAT ARE THE PEOPLE DOING THAT THEY SHOULDN'T BE DOING?

IS THERE A COMMAND TO FOLLOW? A PROMISE TO CLAIM? A WARNING TO HEED? AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW?

3. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME NOW? APPLY IT.

TAKE THE LESSONS YOU LEARNED AND PUT THEM INTO THE FORM OF A PERSONAL QUESTION THAT YOU WOULD ASK YOUR SPOUSE, OR A FRIEND OR YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER. AS YOU WRITE THE QUESTIONS, LISTEN FOR GOD TO COMMUNICATE TO YOU THROUGH HIS WORD.

*DO NOT RUSH. DO NOT WRITE THINGS DOWN JUST TO HAVE SOMETHING ON PAPER, THIS STEP TAKES MORE TIME THAT YOU MAY THINK. THIS IS WHERE SCRIPTURE MEDITATION BECOMES REAL, THIS IS WHERE YOU BEGIN TO HEAR THAT STILL SMALL VOICE SPEAK TO YOU, AND PLACE HIS FINGER IN YOUR LIFE AND BEGIN TO DIRECT YOUR PATHS.... THIS DAY, AND THE NEXT, AND THE NEXT. DO YOU TRUST HIM ENOUGH TO PUT INTO PLACE THAT WHICH HE IS MOVING YOU TO?

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Day 1



Today it is not unusual for children to grow up in a home where their parents are from different cultures or religions. Some children who are born into these families experience difficulties from both inside and outside of the family. At the same time, many children grow up in these families to have a better understanding of diverse cultures and experience many wonderful things. One child that grew up in such an environment in the Bible was Timothy. A short character profile of Timothy in the Bible will help us to see the potential for any child, no matter what their family circumstance, in doing great things for the Lord.

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Read more: <https://www.whatchristianswanttoknow.com/timothy-in-the-bible-character-profile/#ixzz6LeeCNUom>
(Note: always check references with scripture.)

Approved Workman

2 Timothy 2:15

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

+ **Be** _____

+ **To present yourself**

Timothy's goal was not to present himself approved to *people*, but to God.

+ **A worker who does not need to be**

:It is better explained as a workman who has no cause for shame when his work is being inspected.

+ Rightly

he had to know what it said and didn't say

***Ephesians 6:17 says the Bible is a sword. It's not meant to make you feel good about yourself. The Bible is meant to challenge you, to cut sin out and drive you deeper to God. ***

+ This also means there is such a thing as *wrongly*

+ not everyone cuts it straight. You *will be judged; and with the same measure you use, it will be measured back to you*. Jesus was saying "Don't judge anyone by a standard you are not willing to be judged by. God

will hold you to the same standard you hold others to.” This *clearly* does not forbid judging someone else’s life, but it does prohibit doing it unfairly or hypocritically, or living with a judgmental attitude. (for further study www.enduringword.com)

Romans 10:9-10 says

“because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved”

Notes:

On Your Own

Study this verse on your own using the outline given by Kendra Graham.

The Facts:

The

Lesson:

Apply It (what does it mean to me now?)

Day 2

Character Profile: Timothy

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We also find Timothy to be a man who struggled with fear. Paul tells him to be bold, to not fear, to stand firm. (1 Timothy 4:12, 2 Timothy 1:7). While some scholars believe Paul was just challenging Timothy to be bold in his faith, the charge to us as believers remains.

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2 Timothy 1:7

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

(Study adapted from Kendra Graham thecove.com)

+ THE FACTS:

God has not given us a spirit of _____, but _____, _____, and sound mind.
Boldness _____.

Set our fear _____, and _____ on the new spirit that God Himself has given us

APPLY IT: What will rule your life and dictate your actions? Fear or _____ in God's Word? Are you satisfied living a safe, timid life apart from the "more" that God has called you to? Don't know where or how God has called you to live courageously? Get in God's Word, and ask Him to show you. Will we live lives claiming the Truth that God is a

God of clarity, not a God of confusion? (I Corinthians 14:33)

LIVE IT OUT: Today, LORD, give me boldness where I need to be bold, give me clarity, give me Your love for Your people as I claim Your power to walk through doors I would rather run from.

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Dying to Self (adapted from Francis Chan Dying to Self)

2 Timothy 3:1-2

“But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy...”

Are you in “Selfie Mode”?

Read Psalm 27.

+vs1-3 Who does David trust in? _____

+vs 4What is the one thing David wanted?

+vs 5-6 What does David depend on God for?

+vs 7-12 Who has not forsaken(or left) David?

+vs 13 What is David counting on?

+vs 14 How must David respond?

******Counter Culture:** turning off selfie mode is against the grain****

-We wonder why we are

in our lives, but the secret to joy and happiness is to be content with _____.

Revelation 5:11-14

Then I looked and I heard the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever." And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

-In Heaven the focus is ALL Christ. There is no room for selfie mode when next to Christ.

-In these verses everyone is there for one reason to _____ . Which is Christ.

-Despite all this, despite who God is, what He is, many of us would rather look in the _____.

Our mirror might be Instagram, Facebook, Twitter any form of social media, it might be YouTube, or pornography, food, or even our families anything that takes our focus off Christ.

How to get off selfie mode:

1. _____ your Bible daily. **"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."**

Psalm 119:11.”

Start your day off with God’s words rather than your own thoughts or the thoughts of others. Start by reading one chapter in the book John everyday.

2. _____ every day. **“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”**

-1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

We are told here that it is God’s will for us to pray without ceasing. We must bring everything to God **(P.R.A.Y)**

P: Praise God: Start your prayers off with praising God for who He is, then what he has done. If you need a place to start, Read Psalm 23.

R: Repent, ask God for forgiveness. Ask God to show you specific things you need to ask forgiveness for. Ask him to help you make different choices.

A: Ask for the needs of others. Pray for unsaved family and friends.

Y: Ask for your own needs.

-When your eyes are fixed on Christ you start to see the needs of _____.

Philippians 2:1-3

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves

Christ’s sacrifice equips us to turn off selfie mode.

Challenge:

Go about your daily life with selfie mode turned off. Wake up, go to work, school, or quarantined in your home with the purpose of serving others.

+Make a commitment to turn off selfie mode. List the areas where you have been stuck in selfie mode. Use this as your prayer guide this month. Ask God to continue to show you areas of selfishness. Ask God to help you overcome selfie mode in these areas of life.

+Ask your youth leader to pray for you.

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