

# 2 Timothy -- The Last Words of the Apostle Paul

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## 2 Timothy 1:6-14 (NIV)

*6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. 8 So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. 9 He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 11 And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. 12 That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.*

*13 What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. 14 Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.*

## Pattern of Sound Teaching

### OPEN

- What are some wise words (good advice) someone gave you that have been really helpful to you?
- From looking back at 2 Tim 1:1-5, what more do you suppose Paul will want to tell Timothy in the rest of this letter?
- Read 2 Timothy 1:6-14.

### STUDY

- What advice does Paul give Timothy in verses 6-8?
- Why might he need to “remind” Timothy of these particular things?
- What do we learn about God from verses 9-12?
- How does this motivate Paul and give him confidence to ask Timothy to do the same hard things he is doing?
- What is Timothy’s task in verses 13-14 and how is he to do it?
- When do you struggle with timidity, fear, or shame regarding your faith?
- Which of Paul’s words to Timothy here in this passage give you hope and confidence to **boldly use the gifts God has given you**, to **unashamedly live out your faith**, and to **faithfully guard the gospel**?

### PRAY

- Ask the Holy Spirit to do those three things within each group member, according to his own purpose and grace!