



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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2 Timothy 1:1–6; 3:14–17*

Class Starter or Closer Discussion Questions

1. A Faith Passed Down

- Paul thanked God for Timothy's sincere faith that first lived in his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice. How can parents, grandparents, teachers, and churches help pass on a genuine faith to the next generation?
- How can sincere people sometimes be mistaken about what God wants?

2. Fan into Flame God's Gift

- Paul urged Timothy to 'fan into flame the gift of God.' What spiritual gifts has God given believers today, and how can they grow stronger instead of weaker?
- What habits or distractions can cause our spiritual zeal to grow cold?

3. Continue in the Scriptures

- Paul encouraged Timothy to continue in what he had learned from childhood. Why is it important to remain faithful to God's truth throughout life?
- How can regular Bible reading help us remain steady when false ideas or temptations arise?

4. All Scripture Is God-Breathed

- Paul wrote that all Scripture is breathed out by God and is profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness. Which of these four purposes do you find most challenging or encouraging? Why?
- How does believing that the Bible is God's Word affect the way we read, study, and obey it?

5. Equipped for Every Good Work

- According to 2 Timothy 3:17, God's Word prepares believers for every good work. What are some good works Christians are called to do today?
- What one lesson from Timothy's example or Paul's encouragement would you most like to put into practice this week? Why?

Extra Credit

* The committee that determines the Scripture readings for each week's Uniform Lesson omitted 2 Timothy 3:17, which left teachers and students with an incomplete sentence. Our Bible Lesson will focus on 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Furthermore, 2 Timothy 3:17 is vital to understanding the complete International Bible Lesson.

- How important do you think 2 Timothy 3:17 is to understanding this Bible Lesson more completely?
- What should we do to make sure we understand the Bible in the context intended by the human writer under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and the God-breathed Scriptures?