



## Outline of the Book of 2 Timothy by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

### 2 Timothy = Courage

[God is Praiseworthy]  
Blueprint for Redemption

#### I. Though Personally Persecuted 1:1-18

A. "Terms Of Endearment" **1:1-2**

B. Trust For Boldness **1:3-7**

1. Pure conscience **1:3-4**

2. Genuine faith **1:5** Cf **Romans 12:9**; **2 Corinthians 6:6**; **1 Timothy 1:5**;  
**1 Peter 1:22**; **James 3:17**

3. "Free to be me" **1:6-7**

C. Tempered By Christ **1:8-18**

1. "The power of God" has:

a. saved and called us **1:8-9a** Cf **Romans 1:16**

b. graced us before time began **1:9b**

c. revealed Jesus who:

1) "abolished death" **1:10a** Cf **Colossians 2:13-15**; **Hebrews 2:14-15**

2) shown life and immortality **1:10b**

d. given Gentiles an Apostle of conviction **1:11-12**

2. "The pattern of sound words" will:

a. be what Paul preached **1:13-14** Cf **1 Timothy 1:16**; **1 Timothy 3:16**;  
**Romans 6:17**; **2 Corinthians 3:2-3**

b. not what "all those in Asia" endorse **1:15**

c. be supported by those like Onesiphorus **1:16-18** Cf **4:19**

#### II. Through Powerful Principles 2:1-26

A. "Be strong" **2:1-13** Cf **1 Timothy 1:12**; **Romans 4:20**; **Ephesians 6:10**;  
**Philippians 4:13**; **Hebrews 11:24**

1. "In the grace that is in Christ Jesus" **2:1**

2. To teach others the faith **2:2**

3. To "endure hardship" as:

a. soldiers in battle **2:3-4**

b. competitive athletes **2:5**

c. harvesting farmers **2:6**

d. Jesus Christ **2:7-8**

e. Paul **2:9-10**

B. As The Scriptures Teach **2:14-26**

1. In clear quotations:
  - a. **2:11** (**Romans 6:5,8**)
  - b. **2:12a** (**Romans 5:17; 8:17**)
  - c. **2:12b** (**Matthew 10:33**)
  - d. **2:13** (**Numbers 23:19; 1 Kings 8:56; James 1:17**)
2. In precise applications:
  - a. not a war of words (Greek *logomakia*) **2:14 Cf 1 Timothy 6:4**
  - b. clearly delineated Word of God **2:15**

### III. Throughout Perverseness In The Present-day **3:1-17**

A. Handicaps In "The Last Days" **3:1-9**

**1. BLURRED VISION**

- a. "Lovers of themselves" (Greek *philautoi*) – "too intent on one's own interest, selfish" (only N.T. use)
  - 1) Listing "acceptable" gifts for an occasion and NOT being content with anything else!
  - 2) **Cf Luke 12: 15-21** – spending increase only for one's own purposes
  - 3) **Cf Matthew 19: 16-23** – NOT obeying God's Command that hindered personal glory
- b. "Lovers of money" (Greek *philarguroi*) – "avaricious, greedy, tight-fisted"
  - 1) **Luke 16: 14** – described Pharisees' attitude Jesus condemned **Luke 16: 1-13**
  - 2) More concern is over getting and keeping than investing in good and God.
  - 3) When "It is the economy, stupid" is the motto of society -- watch out!
- c. "Boasters" (Greek *alazones*) – "an empty pretender, wandering story-teller"
  - 1) **Romans 1: 30** – practiced by people without God or truth
  - 2) Tavern-talk, school-secrets, table-trivia, factory "scat", media "insider-gossip"
  - 3) Practiced by those with the least to say and greatest impression to make.
- d. "Proud" (Greek *huperephanoi*) – "overestimate of one's means or merits"
- e. "Blasphemers" (Greek *blasphemoi*) – "slandorous, reproachful, abusive"
- f. "Disobedient to parents" (Greek *goneusenapeithis*) – "uncompliant, refusing to obey"
  - 1) Under Moses' Law such people were stoned to death **Deuteronomy 21: 18**
  - 2) Also it is disobedient to God's Law of home **Ephesians 6:1-4; Cf Isaiah 30:9**
  - 3) The attitude is of those who deny God **Titus 1:16**
  - 4) Such attitude should be left in the world by Christians **Titus 3:3; Acts 26:19**
  - 5) The worth of the parents is not under discussion but the dignity afforded them is.
  - 6) CHILDREN ARE NOT BORN WITH THIS ATTITUDE, BUT ARE TAUGHT IT BY LAZY, IGNORANT, OR ABSENT PARENTS!

## 2. A POOR/WEAK-HEART (look at what's missing ("a" negates)

- a. "Unthankful" (Greek *acharistoi*) – "ungracious, unpleasing"
  - 1) **Luke 6: 35** – Like God, their Father, Christians should not expect something in return for the good they do, BUT a sign of salvation is to "thank God" for one's blessings since He is the Source of them  
**Genesis 12:1; James 1:17**
  - 2) These too rude, uncouth, and without social grace to say a heartfelt "Thank You" to anyone (especially God!) who does something for them.
  - 3) The two most powerful words in the human language are: "Thank You"
- b. "Unholy" (Greek *anosioi*) – "impious, wicked"
  - 1) **1 Timothy 1:9-10** associates it with lawless, insubordinate, ungodly, sinners, profane, murders of fathers and mothers, manslayers, sodomites, kidnappers, liars, perjurers, and anything else contrary to sound doctrine. There is no "good company" for it.
  - 2) Greek *hosios* – "undefiled by sin, religiously observing every moral obligation, pious"
  - 3) Used of elders **Titus 1:8** – not as "perfection" but devoted in duty to God
  - 4) **Hebrews 7:26** – describes Jesus as our High Priest
  - 5) **Acts 2: 27; 13:35** – Jesus is the perfect example of this attitude
  - 6) Hence, "unholy" describes those who don't care about serving God!
- c. "Unloving" (Greek *astorgoi*) – "without love of kindred, alienated from family"
  - 1) **Romans 1:31** – clearly shows in those who have given up God in their lives and disregard Him as entirely as is humanly possible **Cf Romans 1:18-32.**
  - 2) This is found in practitioners of abortion, child abuse, spouse abuse, child/ spouse neglect, day care for newborns.
  - 3) This is the attitude of males & females who "breed" with absolutely no commitment or agreement to provide for the welfare of those who are thus "bred"!
- d. "Unforgiving" (Greek *aspondoi*) – "without a treaty or covenant, unable to be persuaded to enter into an agreement, implacable"
  - 1) **Romans 1: 31** – places this with those actions by those ungoverned by God
  - 2) Either males or females who refuse to become Christians, or to marry for their heterosexual relationships, or abide by their contracts or credit agreements, are guilty of this sinful attitude.
- e. "Slanderers" (Greek *diabolo*) – "false accusers, prone to slander [without truth]"
  - 1) Used of the Devil, Himself **Matthew 4:1, 5, 8, 11; 13:39; John 13:2; Ephesians 4:27**
  - 2) English "diabolical" indicates the lack of desire for truth in word or deed.
  - 3) This directly associates one with the work of the Devil!
  - 4) Orally or in print, is designed to undermine confidence in others.
- f. "Without self-control" (Greek *akrateis*) – "intemperate, showing no boundaries"
  - 1) Greek *kratw* means "power, might, force, strength, dominion" hence it shows someone maintains authority and ability over one's own self.

- 2) Either individuals or societies can be "out of control".
- g. "Brutal" (Greek *anemeroí*) – "not tame, savage, fierce"
  - 1) When "spectator sports" center on savaging another person's being, it is time to notice one's distance from God.
    - a) "All out kick-boxing," boxing, and the appearance of brutality in wrestling are some examples feeding the minds of our society.
    - b) Bloody sports or "slice & dice" movies or such like do nothing but encourage this.
    - c) "Cartoon" violence is NOT always associated with "reality" like these other activities.
- h. "Despisers of good" (Greek *aphilagathoi*) – "opposed to goodness and good men"
  - 1) When those doing good and obeying Bible Rules are the ones punished by words, deeds, lawsuits, violent attacks then people are showing their hatred for God by manifesting it against those who represent His Ways.
  - 2) Shooting prayer groups at schools, "raiding" church assemblies, stealing from churches, burning down church buildings, etc. ARE "HATE CRIMES" THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CHOOSES NOT TO INCLUDE IN RECENT LEGISLATION.
  - 3) THE FUNCTION OF GOVERNMENT NOT USUALLY INCLUDED TODAY IS AS "God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil" **Romans 13: 4.**

### 3. AIR-HEADS

- a. "Traitors" (Greek *prodetai*) – "a betrayer"
  - 1) **Luke 6: 16** – It is used of Judas Iscariot "who became" one. This is NOT genetic!
  - 2) **Acts 7: 52** – Describes the Jewish history from the Old Testament which explains why they willingly participated in betraying Jesus Christ Who Came as one of their own **John 1: 11-12.**
  - 3) Peter, though not using this word, described this kind of Christian in his letter of **2 Peter 2:1-3, 18-22.**
  - 4) Christians are the worst enemy for destroying the church of Christ there is!
- b. "Headstrong" (Greek *propeteis*) – "headlong, falling forwards, rash, reckless"
  - 1) **Acts 19:36** – The city clerk stilled "mob frenzy" with his reasoned words
  - 2) **Proverbs 10:14** – Foolish people are rash in words but the wise are not.
  - 3) **Proverbs 13:3** – Destruction is to those who open wide their lips.
  - 4) The present surge to push the church of Christ into practices and doctrines that are neither wise, Scriptural, nor reasoned, is but the "mouthing" of fools who destroy.
- c. "Haughty" (Greek *tetuphwmnoi*) – "blind with pride or conceit, puffed up, besotted"
  - 1) **1 Timothy 3:6** – NOT to be an attitude of any elder lest he be like the Devil
  - 2) **1 Timothy 6:4** – the attitude of those who seek to appear knowledgeable of the Bible when in reality, they are ignorant of it.
  - 3) Many a business meeting or Bible class have consumed much time with these individuals!

- 4) These people don't seem to realize that people of substance are not impressed by "people of substance". Christians look not on the outward **2 Corinthians 4:16-18**.
- d. "Lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God"  
(Greek *phileedonoi*) – "philos + heedonee"
- 1) This is "living for the moment," "doing your own thing," and "no fear."
  - 2) This attitude was promoted by Ernest Hemingway, who shotgunned himself to death. It seems strange that his books (and other authors like him) are required reading in public schools but no one seem to notice the suicide rate among school-going teenagers is among the highest of any age group.
  - 3) In our era of "Xtreme Sports" where anything is to be tried, someone ought to be reminded that "thrills, excitement, and adrenaline rushes" are NOT the most important part of life.
  - 4) Why is it that so many churches seem to want to adapt worship and "youth activities" to those whose main goal in life is "loving pleasure rather than loving God"?
- e. "Having a form of godliness but denying its power"  
(Greek *morphwsin eusebeias*) – "the mere form, semblance"
- 1) It was possible for Jewish Christians to emphasize the proper "shape" of religion while losing the real "heart" of it **Romans 2: 20-23**.
  - 2) "Godliness" (Greek *eusebeia*) – "always in the Bible for piety toward God"
    - a) One may "go through the motions of a Christian life and worship" and be lost unless there is a return to the real reasons for all we do.
    - b) We should NOT attend worship purely for our own enjoyment, but in order to know that we have been pleasing to God.
    - c) We must NOT allow others to make us place more emphasis on "form" (rites, rituals, etc. such as "hand-clapping", "shouting", "solo singing", etc.) rather than keeping with the necessary worship actions approved by God.
  - 3) "Denying its power" (Greek *eemeemenoi*) – "act falsely to oneself"
    - a) **1 Timothy 5: 8** – One who provides not for his own household belies his obligation
    - b) **Titus 2: 12** – To be a Christian, one MUST "deny" ungodliness
    - c) Christians who will not stand faithful show this attitude!

B. Handlebars For Maneuvering Losers **3:5b-9**

1. "Shun or avoid" those who practice such **3:5b**
2. "House-to-house salesmen" appeal to "gullible women" already given over to sins and lusts **3:6 Cf I Timothy 5:11-15**
3. Incomplete knowledge or solutions **3:7**
4. "Showdown by sundown" just like Moses **3:8-9**

C. Pumping Iron For Winners **3:10-17**

1. Persecution is expected by Christians **3:10-12**
  - a. of Paul whom the Lord delivered **3:10-11**
  - b. of all the "godly in Christ Jesus" **3:12**
2. Persecution is administered by "evil men" **3:13**
3. Perseverance demands faithful adherence to:
  - a. childhood knowledge of Scripture **3:14-15**
  - b. complete confidence in Scripture **3:16-17**

#### **IV. Thence Potently Prepared 4:1-22**

##### **A. Persistent Preaching 4:1-5**

1. With the authority of Judge Jesus **4:1**
2. Sermons about "The Man for all seasons" **4:2**
3. A message that causes "earaches" **4:3-4**
4. Consistent, not changing to keep an audience **4:5**

##### **B. Sacrificial Surrender 4:6-8**

1. The sacrifice that takes time **4:6**
2. The pre-written epitaph **4:7**
3. The confident reward beyond the grave **4:8 Cf Romans 12:1-2**

##### **C. There Is No "Bitter End" 4:9-18**

1. An urgent invitation for a last visit **4:9**
2. Remembrances of good and bad **4:10-16**
3. Life's lesson succinctly stated (a proven faith) **4:17-18**

##### **D. Always Remember "The Brethren" 4:19-22**

## 2 Timothy's Timelessness:

- ◆ Clearly, **Paul's last letter written**, for he believed his life was ending (**4:6**).
- ◆ **Paul taught Timothy's (and our) attitude toward Scripture should be unashamed, 1:8 because Scripture is:**
  - 1.confirmed, **2:2**;
  - 2.substantial, **2:8**;
  - 3.precisely applied, **2:15**;
  - 4.totally adequate, **3:16-17**;
  - 5.completely effective, **4:1-5**
- ◆ **Watch Paul's "Therefore's"**
  - 1:6** - having given reasons for not neglecting God's gift (**1:3-6**);
  - 1:8** - having given a description of the attitude to have with the truth (**1:6-7**);
  - 2:1** - having named the Lord and disciples (Paul & Onesiphorus) who served God that Timothy should also be strong.
  - 2:10** - having shown various figures of speech to realize the effort one makes to remain faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ◆ **Paul's "faithful saying" phrase is used for a 4<sup>th</sup> time, 2:11.**  
(Cf **1 Timothy 1:15; 3:1; 4:9**).
- ◆ **Paul stressed "Continuity"** — that is, stability, surety, safety in that which had saved Timothy, **1:8,13; 2:1,3,15; 3:14**
- ◆ **Why be so conscious of the "next generation" remaining faithful?**  
**2 Timothy 4:6** - Paul knew his own time was limited  
**Judges 2:7-10** - Israel had left an example NOT to follow Cf **1 Corinthians 10:11**
- ◆ **"The last days" (3:1) describes from the 1st century throughout whatever ending date there will be, for God's dealing with the Jews/Israelites as His chosen people began to end with the preaching of John the Baptist and finally ended with the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.**  
Cf **Matthew 3:1-2, 5; 4:17; 9:14-17; 11:9-15; 12:25-32, 38-42; 21:33-46; 24:1-36; 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16.**