

GOD'S MASTERWORK, VOLUME SIX
LETTERS TO GOD'S PEOPLE—A SURVEY OF ROMANS—PHILEMON
2 TIMOTHY: PAUL'S SWAN SONG
A SURVEY OF 2 TIMOTHY



The Heart of the Matter

It's doubtful that we could find a more nostalgic, emotional letter written by the apostle Paul. Facing death alone in a dungeon, surrounded by memories and exposed to the elements, this grand old man wrote by candlelight a letter to his dear friend, Timothy. Paul had no assurance it would ever reach the young man but, nevertheless, he wrote it . . . and we are so grateful he did! For obvious reasons it is a letter of sharp contrasts—in some places it contains strong and passionate warnings laced with insightful wisdom and firm resolve, yet in other places it contains wearisome feelings, quiet and honest reflections, and even a few unguarded admissions of decisions made in years gone by. Here is a letter for the ages written by a rugged and tired warrior, an essential piece of biblical literature we need in order to construct an accurate and complete mental portrait of Paul and a spiritual understanding of our times.



Discovering the Way

1. Introductory Matters of Interest (2 Timothy 1:1; 4:6–13)

Discover the man who penned this letter, the place from which he wrote, and his reasons for writing.

2. General Overview of the Letter (2 Timothy 1:1–18; 2:1–3; 3:1–14; 4:1–5; 4:9–22)

Review the chart on the next page to determine the style, structure, and uniqueness of this letter.

3. Personal and Lasting Messages for Today

Being different is not only helpful, it is essential for survival. Godly models fill a variety of roles. Younger Christians are motivated by older Christians who finish well.



Starting Your Journey

Reflect on godly models in your life and thank God for them. Commit to modeling the character of Christ to a younger Christian.



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SECOND TIMOTHY

	Guard the Treasure! <u>Paul's greeting</u> <u>Timothy's life</u> <u>God's treasure</u> <u>Our responsibility</u> <i>CHAPTER 1</i>	Suffer Hardship! <u>Passing on the truth</u> <u>Illustrations of the truth</u> (soldier, athlete, farmer, workman, vessel, servant) <u>Suffering for the truth</u> <i>CHAPTER 2</i>	Continue! <u>Last days</u> <u>Evil people</u> <u>Standing firm</u> <u>Biblical basis</u> <u>Spiritual examples</u> <i>CHAPTER 3</i>	Preach the Word! <u>A solemn charge</u> <u>Reason for the charge</u> <u>Personal conclusion</u> <i>CHAPTER 4</i>
Perspective	The past	The present	The future	
Tone	Gratitude	Compassion	Warning	Command
Theme	Paul's passing of the ministry torch to Timothy and encouraging him to stay faithful in the midst of hardship			
Key Verses	1:14	2:3	3:14	4:2
Christ in 2 Timothy	Jesus is the Judge of the living and the dead, who strengthens us in times of weakness and rescues us in times of danger (3:11; 4:1, 17).			

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