



2TIMOTHY
Chapter 1-2
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Approximate Dating:

48-56 – Paul's missionary journeys

56-60 – Paul was slowly making his way through the Roman courts, arriving ultimately at Rome.

61-62 – Paul was held under house arrest in Rome, at the end of which time, he was released.

62-67 – Paul traveled more or less freely about. Wrote 1Timothy and Titus.

- A trip to Crete, leaving Titus to carry on the ministry (Titus 1:5)
- A trip to Ephesus and then Macedonia, leaving Timothy to minister at Ephesus (1 Timothy 1:3)—then, perhaps, a visit to Spain??
- A visit to Ephesus as Paul had intended (1 Timothy 3:14)
- A stay at Nicopolis during the winter (Titus 3:12)
- A visit to Miletus, where Trophimus was left sick (2 Timothy 4:20)
- A visit to Troas, where a cloak and parchments were left (2 Timothy 4:13)
- A visit to Corinth (2 Timothy 4:20)

66-67 – Paul wrote 2Timothy after being recaptured and once again imprisoned. This represents the last Pauline Epistle.

67-68 – Paul beheaded in Rome

Chapter 1

2 To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord - Paul only says *grace* and *peace* in his greetings (Romans 1:7, 1 Corinthians 1:3, 2 Corinthians 1:2, Galatians 1:3, Ephesians 1:2, Philippians 1:2, Colossians 1:2, 1 Thessalonians 1:1, 2 Thessalonians 1:2). But when he starts writing the pastors – Timothy and Titus – it is grace, mercy, and peace!

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 - Gift translates the Greek word *charisma*. Cf. 1Peter 4:10; 2Timothy 4:2.

7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline - Timidity (*deilia*) can also be translated fear or cowardice. "Self-discipline" (*sōphronismos*) has the idea of a calm, self-controlled mind, in contrast to the panic and confusion. "spirit" should be capitalized:

"For God gave us His Spirit, it was not timidity that we received, but power, love and self discipline." Gordon Fee NIBC page 227

12 That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day – Cf. John 10:28-30.

Chapter 2

1 You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. – Cf. Ephesians 6:10-18.

4 No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs—he wants to please his commanding officer - In Joshua 5, Jesus appeared to Joshua as *Commander of the army of the LORD* (Joshua 5:14).

6 The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops – Cf. Proverbs 24:30-34.

15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth - "Do your best" is translated "study" in the KJV. But the word *spoudazō* means "to use speed, that is, to make effort." **Correctly Handles** *orthotomeō*, means literally to cut straight.

21 If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work – Cf. 1John 1:9.

22 Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart - Flee! (*pheugō*) Be a fugitive!