

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

PEOPLE DON'T CARE HOW MUCH YOU KNOW UNTIL THEY KNOW HOW MUCH YOU CARE.
~Theodore Roosevelt

Sermon Series: **Perseverance (2 Timothy)**

PERSEVERANCE – THE STANDARD OF APPROVAL

2 Timothy 2:14-26 NKJV

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I. MOOD

Rome

- July 19, A.D. 64, fire destroys much...
- The Mamertine Prison – “House of Darkness”

Ephesus

- A.D. 62 – false teachers
 - A.D. 64, Timothy left at Ephesus
 - A.D. 65-67, Paul writes letter (2 Timothy) from prison
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II. MESSAGE

A. _____ - **2 Timothy 2:11-13 NKJV**

† **2 Timothy 2:11** NKJV; Romans 6:4-5 NKJV

† **2 Timothy 2:12a** NKJV; Ecclesiastes 9:11 NKJV; Matthew 24:13 NKJV

† **2 Timothy 2:12b** NKJV; Luke 9:26 NKJV

† **2 Timothy 2:13** NKJV

God remains faithful. Faithful is who He is!

The Apostle urges His spiritual son, Timothy, to make sure His consistent gospel message in word and deed is to remind them of the importance of faithfulness.

B. _____ - 2 Timothy 2:14-21 NKJV

† **2 Timothy 2:14 NKJV**

The Message of the _____ Teachers:

- worthless and divisive
- no redeeming value
- destroyed those who listened
- argumentative
- warring over words
- divided and perverted people with their talk

† **2 Timothy 2:17 NKJV** – their message will spread like cancer

- (metastasize) infectious
- Examples: Hymenaeus & Philetus
- Paul has excommunicated them from the church

† **1 Timothy 1:20 NKJV**

† **2 Timothy 2:18 NKJV**

- they maintained that the resurrection has already occurred
 - Implication: they were already perfected in the Spirit and thus already shared the life to come.
 - Gnosticism - this belief led to a libertine lifestyle (no moral principles or sense of responsibility)
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The Message of the _____ - By contrast, Timothy was to:

† **2 Timothy 2:15 NKJV**

- Be diligent means - to make every effort (Psalm 1)
- Don't be ashamed of the Gospel - it is the power of God unto salvation (Rom. 1:16)
- Rightly dividing the Word of Truth - correctly handling, literally "cutting straight"
- False teachers strayed!
- Timothy was to:

- Cut straight stones (masonry)
- Plow straight furrows (farming)
- Cut a straight path for others to follow

† **2 Timothy 2:19** NKJV

- Korah's Rebellion - *God distinguished between His true followers and the rebels of Korah and urged them to separate from the wicked rebels.*

† Numbers 16:5 NKJV

† Numbers 16:26 NKJV

† **2 Timothy 2:20-21** NKJV

- Become a vessel of honor - fit for the service of God vs. being a vessel of dishonor fit for trash fine China vs trash cans and bed pans.

III. MANNER

It's not enough to have the Truth, we must present the truth in an attractive manner.

† **2 Timothy 2:22** NKJV - Youthful lust (passion) - headstrong, belligerent, know-it-all, nature that many youth display.

† **2 Timothy 2:24** NKJV; Proverbs 15:1 - works with believers & non-believers.

† **2 Timothy 2:25** NKJV

† **2 Timothy 2:24-26** NKJV

The goal is not to be right, the goal is to win the lost!

- The Standard of Approval is to represent God in our **Message**, understanding and being able to communicate the Truth accurately.
- And it is also to be able to communicate the message in a **Manner** that is irresistibly attractive!
- Sometimes it is a challenge, especially in the face of opposition.
- Remember, Jesus persevered in the face of opposition and so can you!



ECCLESIA WEEKLY STUDY GUIDE

Week of April 28, 2024

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Things every ECF Disciple should do to REMAIN IN COMMUNITY:

- ⇒ **COMMIT** to be a part of one *weekly* STUDY GROUP (<https://www.ecclesiachurch.com/bibleStudy.html>)
 - Click “**I’m New**” to access **Biblical Bases** for new believers
 - Click “**Sunday School**” to access **Sunday Sch Classes**
 - Click “**Study Groups**” to access **Youth, Young Adults** and **Sermon Notes** groups
 - ==> Email huggs@gmail.com if you wish to join a group
- ⇒ **CONNECT** with your Study Group on a weekly basis.
- ⇒ **INVITE** your family, neighbors, and friends to join a Study Group.

Young Adults HUGG! meets Tuesdays, **7:00pm**. Ages 18-40!

New Members HUGG! Wednesdays, **7:00pm**. Open to All! Special Invite to all Base Class Grads

Men's Book Study! Kingdom Disciples, 1st Sat, 8am, **May 4:** <https://www.ecclesiachurch.com/newsEvents.html>

TAKE IT TO PRAYER:

- ⇒ Pray for your family and friends and needs of group members throughout the week.
- ⇒ Pray for Pastor Beckley, our Ecclesia Leaders and these prayer needs:

Yulonda Butler & Fam, Maint	Donno Ross Fam, surgeries
Quiana Cullum & Fam, Maint	Baugh Parents, healing
Johnnie Johnson & Fam, Maint	Ron Robinson, healing
Victor Arnold & Fam, Winsome Wed	Powell Family, bereavement
- ⇒ Pray for your Oikos: **All group members**, call out each name on your Oikos list.

TAKE IT TO WORSHIP: *Blessed Assurance*, Dallas Fort Worth Mass, <https://youtu.be/TfrM-n1aArY>

(Steps to completing your study guide):

1. Please use the translation indicated on the sermon outline.
2. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you and give you understanding.
3. Read, study, and meditate on 2 Timothy 1-2 NKJV.
4. Highlight, underline, note anything that “jumps out” at you.
5. Watch sermon: “**Perseverance – The Standard of Approval**” by Min. Harvie Haynes, https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=ecf+online
6. Answer each question giving as much detail as you can. Include other related verses.

FILL-INS: A) POSITIVELY B) NEGATIVELY

The Message of the FALSE Teachers

The Message of the GOSPEL

TAKE IT TO THE GROUP: (Share your questions, discoveries, and answers in your group discussion)

OVERVIEW: Each week of this Perseverance sermon series, on your own, read all of 2 Timothy and watch the Bible Project overview: <https://youtu.be/urlvnxCal00?si=KkSnzVSFmQi5jtCP>.

1. **Share your thoughts on the QUOTE OF THE WEEK.** PEOPLE DON'T CARE HOW MUCH YOU KNOW UNTIL THEY KNOW HOW MUCH YOU CARE. ~Theodore Roosevelt

2. **MOOD.** General Question about Bible Study: Why is it important to know about the time and background of a particular book or passage?

3. **MESSAGE.** Read 2 Timothy 2:11-13 NKJV aloud. List some *positives* from this passage and from Romans 6:4-5; Ecclesiastes 9:11; Matthew 24:13; and Luke 9:26.

4. Read 2 Timothy 2:13 NKJV aloud. Explain why YOU can positively say God remains faithful.

5. Read 2 Timothy 2:14 and 2:17-18 NKJV aloud. What do these verses *negatively* teach about the message of the FALSE Teachers?

6. Read 2 Timothy 2:15 and 2:19-21 NKJV aloud. What is taught about the message of Gospel?

7. **MANNER.** Read 2 Timothy 2:22-26 NKJV aloud. What do these verses teach that lead to the conclusion, we must present the truth in an attractive manner?

Sunday, April 28, 2024 – Obadiah, Joel, Jonah, Amos, Hosea, Micah

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89775027654> Phone: 1-669-900-9128 ID: 897 7502 76

2024 Bible Challenge Reading Schedule

<https://www.ecclesiachurch.com/publications/bibleReadingPlan.pdf>