
Leaving A Legacy: A Study In 2 Timothy

“The State Of The Church ... And What We Can Do About It”

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2 Timothy 4:1-5

Introduction: We continue our journey through 2 Timothy, we come to the last chapter.

1. It is significant.
 - Paul is about to die.
 - He knows it.
 - Timothy represents his legacy.
2. As a result, Paul has covered a lot of ground.
 - He has encouraged Timothy.
 - He has explained his mission.
 - He has warned him regarding spiritual resistance.
 - He has challenged him to persevere and overcome.
3. Today, as he begins to wrap up his letter, he focuses on the state of the church, and more importantly, what can be done about it.
4. In context, he is addressing Timothy’s role as apostolic overseer in Ephesus.
5. His message is still relevant and personally applicable for us today.
 - His circumstance and ours are remarkably similar.
 - The answer is still the answer.
6. Because that’s true, let’s take a lesson from Paul!

I. The State Of The Church

A. Dismissal Of Sound Doctrine

B. Self-centered Teaching

C. Exchange Truth For Myth

II. The Answer

A. Preach The Word

- Readiness
- Reprove
- Rebuke
- Exhort
- Patience
- Instruction

B. Focus

- Endurance
- Outreach
- Faithful

Conclusion: Our world is remarkably similar to the world Timothy would inherit.

1. His ministry would be challenging just as ours is.
2. But we have the answer.
 - Instead of deviating from scripture, we must elevate scripture.
 - Instead of distraction, we must focus.
3. As we follow Paul’s advice, we will discover Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever.
4. Christ continues to build His church , so that the gates of hell cannot stand against her.