

2 TIMOTHY: LESSON 2

II. PAUL'S EXHORTATION: BE NOT ASHAMED OF THE TESTIMONY (1:8-18)

- A. Paul's example of not being ashamed though a prisoner (v. 8-12)
 - 1. Timothy encouraged to suffer hardship with the Gospel.
 - 2. Paul trusts in God and God's power as manifested in the testimony of the gospel to save him in the last day.

- B. Paul exhorts Timothy to hold to the pattern of sound words and guard the doctrine of the gospel committed to him (v. 13-14).

- C. Onesiphorus' example of not being ashamed of Paul (v. 15-18)
 - 1. Unlike Phygelus and Hermogenes, Onesiphorus had not turned away from Paul.
 - 2. Onesiphorus' action:
 - a. Refreshed Paul often
 - b. Sought Paul in Rome and found him
 - c. Timothy reminded of his good works in Ephesus

QUESTIONS

1. Describe how Timothy might be ashamed of the testimony of his Lord?

2. What must Timothy suffer in connection with the Gospel?

3. What power could Timothy rely upon to help him endure the suffering?

4. How has this power been revealed?

5. In what *three ways* does Paul describe his ministry?

6. What is Paul's "deposit" that will be guarded by God?

7. What must Timothy hold to?

8. What was the good thing committed to Timothy that he must guard?
How would the Holy Spirit help him guard it?

9. Who had turned away from Paul?
Why?

10. How did Onesiphorus show he was not ashamed of the testimony of the Lord?

11. In what two ways did Paul desire God's mercy to bless Onesiphorus?