

2 Timothy 1:13-2:2

New American Standard Bible 1995

1 ¹³ Retain the standard of sound
2 words which you have heard from
3 me, in the faith and love which are
4 in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard, through
5 the Holy Spirit who dwells in us,
6 the treasure which has been
7 entrusted to *you*.

8 ¹⁵ You are aware of the fact that all
9 who are in Asia turned away from
10 me, among whom are Phygelus
11 and Hermogenes. ¹⁶ The Lord
12 grant mercy to the house of
13 Onesiphorus, for he often
14 refreshed me and was not ashamed
15 of my chains; ¹⁷ but when he was
16 in Rome, he eagerly searched for
17 me and found me— ¹⁸ the Lord
18 grant to him to find mercy from
19 the Lord on that day—and you
20 know very well what services he
21 rendered at Ephesus.

22 **2** You therefore, my son, be strong
23 in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
24 ² The things which you have heard
25 from me in the presence of many
26 witnesses, entrust these to faithful
27 men who will be able to teach
28 others also.

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30 **Read the passage first, then:**

31 • Circle commands or instructions
32 to Timothy.

33 • Title each of the three sections:

34 ○ 1:13-14

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36 ○ 1:15-18

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38 ○ 2:1-2

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40 • What is the “flow” of the
41 passage? How do the three
42 parts fit together? Or do they?

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46 • Why is it important to “retain”
47 and “guard” what we know?

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51 • What are we supposed to do
52 with that “treasure”?

Inductive Bible Study

(A few general ideas)

Observation **(What does it say?)**

*What facts do you **observe** that help bring out the writer's thought process?*

- Who are the people involved?
- What action takes place?
- What type of literature is it (poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or left out?
- Are any unusual words used?
- Is there symbolic language?
- Are words or ideas repeated?
- Any comparisons or contrasts?
- Any cause and effect?
- Any indications of purpose ("in order that...", "so that...")?
- Any conclusions ("Therefore...")?
- Any explanations?
- Does the passage logically break into sections?

Interpretation **(What does it mean?)**

*What questions come to mind that would help you **interpret** the meaning?*

- How would the original readers have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why is there repetition, or contrast, or unusual words?
- Does grammar or structure point to the writer's thought pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in the passage?
- How are different ideas connected?
- Are any new ideas or concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the passage?

Application **(What does it mean for me?)**

*What is the impact on your life? What **application** does the Holy Spirit want to show you?*

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to worship?
- Is there an example to follow?

Read nothing into the Scriptures, but draw everything from them, and suffer nothing to remain hidden that is really in them.

**Johann Albrecht Bengel
(1687-1752)**

For a much more detailed description of the methodology, see

• Kay Arthur, *How to Study Your Bible*. Eugene, Oregon: Harvest House Publishers 1994.

• Robert A. Traina, *Methodical Bible Study*. Wilmore, Kentucky: Asbury Theological Seminary, 1952.

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