

2 Timothy 1:7 - 14

New American Standard Bible 1995

1 Underline facts about God.

2 Circle commands to Timothy.

3 Mark ? your questions.

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5 ⁷For God has not given us a spirit
6 of timidity, but of power and love
7 and discipline. ⁸Therefore do not
8 be ashamed of the testimony of
9 our Lord or of me His prisoner,
10 but join with *me* in suffering for
11 the gospel according to the power
12 of God, ⁹who has saved us and
13 called us with a holy calling, not
14 according to our works, but
15 according to His own purpose and
16 grace which was granted us in
17 Christ Jesus from all eternity,
18 ¹⁰but now has been revealed by
19 the appearing of our Savior Christ
20 Jesus, who abolished death and
21 brought life and immortality to
22 light through the gospel, ¹¹for
23 which I was appointed a preacher
24 and an apostle and a teacher.
25 ¹²For this reason I also suffer
26 these things, but I am not
27 ashamed; for I know whom I have
28 believed and I am convinced that
29 He is able to guard what I have

30 entrusted to Him until that day.

31 ¹³Retain the standard of sound
32 words which you have heard from
33 me, in the faith and love which
34 are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard,
35 through the Holy Spirit who
36 dwells in us, the treasure which
37 has been entrusted to *you*.

38 What else do you observe?

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41 How might Paul's statements
42 about God relate to his
43 instructions to Timothy?

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47 What aspects of God's character
48 seem most related to your present
49 circumstances?

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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 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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