

2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

A toolbox for faith

Timothy is encouraged to remain steadfast in the faith and teachings that have been handed on to him. In a famous verse, Paul reminds him that all Scripture is inspired by God and is needed to equip believers. Paul urges Timothy to be persistent in teaching the truth, despite the sufferings that may come.

Read this week's passage:



Living Scripture

'All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness'
2 Timothy 3:16

According to the Bible Society, 35% of Christians read the Bible every day. 43% of parents believe it's important for children to read or hear Bible stories because they provide values for a good life. A survey in the UK showed that reading the Bible gave 28% of readers hope and confidence for the future.¹ So, although we know we should read the Bible, many believers are intimidated and don't know how to go about reading or studying it. If you've been reading the Bible for many years, could you get alongside a younger or newer Christian to help them gain confidence reading the Bible? If you're new to faith, could you ask your church or a Christian friend to help you to learn more about the Bible. Paul tells Timothy that scripture is good for us, and we have research to prove it. Will you explore and share more of the Bible today?

¹ Hope in the Bible, Christian Research
<https://www.christian-research.org/reports/recent-research/hope/>

First impressions

- How often do you read (or listen to) the Bible?
- What are your go-to or favourite Bible verses? How do these help you?
- What's in your toolbox of faith?



Pray

Lord God,
thank you for the gift of your Word,
to teach us, to challenge us,
and to train us.
Help us to use it well
so we may live holy lives for you.
Amen.



WATCH



<https://bibleproject.com/guides/book-of-2-timothy/>
a really good summary of 2 Timothy with the key themes addressed.

EXPLORE

... a tool box. What's in the tool box? Make a list of the contents and what they are for. What is your favourite tool and why? Think about your Bible tool box too. There are so many different ways the stories of the Bible can build us up, or fix and help us stay on track. What is your favourite Bible story and why?

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to reflect on this week's theme:



LISTEN



Listen to 'Thy word is a lamp unto my feet'
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a6LC8cu03lg>

Read

Set yourself a Bible reading challenge –
can you read the Bible every day, or read
the whole Bible over a year?