



Alpha-Omega Bible Study: The New Testament  
Session 2: Acts, the Epistles, & the Apocalypse  
Lesson 12: Remaining Faithful to the End

## READ

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- A. Review the list of theological themes and doctrines covered in Alpha-Omega.
- B. Choose one of the following two reading plans. For either, look for recurring themes and perhaps mark them in your Bible.
  1. Read the entire Books of First Timothy, Second Timothy, and Titus
  2. Read only the following sections:
    - ✦ 1 Timothy 3:1-13; 6:3-19
    - ✦ 2 Timothy 2:1-7; 3:14 – 4:8
    - ✦ Titus 2:1-10; 3:3-8

## REACT

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- A. Use the space below to write down key observations or questions that arose as you read the text. Note here the themes or doctrines you found in the passages.

B. Questions:

1. a. 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus, often referred to as the “Pastoral Epistles,” are letters sent from Paul to his associates with instructions on how to deal with situations in struggling churches. Among the issues addressed is the need for qualified leaders. In the table below, list the training and moral characteristics required for those who would serve as overseers/bishops and as deacons in these churches (see 1 Timothy 3:1-13; cf. Titus 1:5-9).

*Qualifications for Overseers/Bishops:*

*Qualifications for Deacons:*

b. Why might these traits have been emphasized while others (e.g., spiritual gifts, experience, etc.) are not included?

c. How should these guide our church today in the selection and election of our ordained officers: elders, deacons, and pastors?

2. a. How are contentment and the desire for wealth contrasted in 1 Timothy 6:6-10?

b. What are some specific ways that the longing for more money and possessions can cause you to “fall into temptation and a trap”?

3. a. As Paul encourages Timothy to be steadfast in the face of hardships in 2 Timothy 2:1-7, he uses three analogies. What do these analogies teach about the Christian life?

b. How can these analogies help you embrace the cost of following Jesus and face challenges in your life?

4. a. Second Timothy may be the last New Testament letter Paul wrote as he neared the end of his life. How does the apostle sum up his life and ministry (4:6-8)?

b. How do Paul's words set a challenging example for you? What can you do to ensure that you will "finish the race" strongly?

5. According to Titus 2, what instructions does Paul want Titus to bring each of the following groups of people:

⊕ *Older men* -

⊕ *Older women* -

⊕ *Younger women* -

⊕ *Younger men* -

⊕ *Slaves* -

6. a. What does Titus 3:4-7 reveal about God's character?
- b. What do these verses say about what God has done for us in Christ Jesus?
- c. How does this encourage you to devote yourself "to doing what is good" (3:8)?

## REMEMBER

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Commit the following verses to memory:

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that all God's people may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

– 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (TNIV)