



## Sound Words of Christ

### Study of I and II Timothy

*Sound Words of Christ* Bible encounter examines I and II Timothy to determine what doctrines are close to God's heart, and what doctrines are false. Paul sent his first letter to Timothy in Ephesus where the church swelled with so many believers that their presence altered the local economy (Acts 19:23-41), yet Paul encouraged Timothy to refute the false doctrines that also seemed to thrive. The second letter found different circumstances, as Paul wrote from prison while awaiting his death soon after Nero had burned Rome and Christianity became illegal throughout the empire. Paul encouraged Timothy to stand firm in the Truth no matter what deception the enemy might deliver.

Lesson	Study Passage
#1	I Timothy 1
#2	I Timothy 2
#3	I Timothy 3
#4	I Timothy 4
#5	I Timothy 5
#6	I Timothy 6
#7	II Timothy 1
#8	II Timothy 2
#9	II Timothy 3
#10	II Timothy 4

#### Key Verses:

*This is the sort of thing you should teach, and if anyone tries to teach some doctrinal novelty which is not compatible with sound teaching (which we base on Christ's own words and which leads to Christ-like living), then he is a conceited idiot!*

- I Timothy 6:2b-3 (Phillips)

*"Hold fast and follow the pattern of wholesome and sound teaching which you have heard from me, in [all] the faith and love which are [for us] in Christ Jesus.*

- II Timothy 1:13 (Amplified)

For each lesson, review and meditate on the designated passage, allowing the Holy Spirit's guidance in answering the following questions. Record your insights.

1. What understandings does Paul indicate are sound (trustworthy): that is, of Christ?
2. What does Paul indicate is contrary to sound teaching: that is, not according to Christ?
3. Note specific ways the Holy Spirit is leading you individually to embrace (trust & apply) what is sound.
4. What specific sound words [of Christ] do you believe the Holy Spirit would have you embrace as part of your community (family, business, congregation, ministry) in order to "hold fast and follow the pattern of wholesome and sound teaching you have heard"?

