

# Final Thoughts

## 2 Timothy

Part 1 – Guard what God has entrusted to you...  
with a CLEAR CONSCIENCE

Paul serves God with a 'clear conscience' vs. 1-4; Acts 23:1, 24:16

**Clear Conscience =**  
'FULLY living out God's plan for my life without compromise'

Paul wants Timothy to serve the same way vs. 5-7

Timothy is a GENUINE believer vs. 5

Timothy was genuinely ENDORSED by Paul vs. 5-6

Timothy is genuinely GIFTED by God vs. 6

Timothy was allowing TIMIDITY to hinder him vs. 7

Timothy's FEAR was compromising the incredible  
opportunity God had prepared for him

God's three resources to galvanize you for the opportunity...

POWER: *spirit of the power of God.* 2 Corinthians 4:7

LOVE: *how to regard and to relate to opposition*

DISCIPLINE: *self-steadiness to do the hard stuff in the midst of stressful work*

Questions to self:

Do I live today with a 'clear conscience' before God, knowing that I am  
fully living out God's plan without personal compromise?

If not, what is my next step to remedy this?

Take action... God is for you!

Notes:

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## Life Group Discussion Questions – January 15, 2023

**2 Timothy 1:3** *I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience the way my forefathers did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day.*

### DISCOVER

1. What has God entrusted you to do? When have you been overwhelmed with an assignment or task that needed to be completed? Who or what helped you to move forward? Is your tendency to just see the next step or the mountain that needs to be climbed? Why do you think that is?
2. Do you really believe Paul served with a clear conscience? Was Paul saying he lived a perfect life? If not, then what did Paul mean? Why is it hard for some of us to fathom having a clear conscience? What types of things bother your conscience? What should we learn from Paul? How could a man who incited murder, like Paul, have a clear conscience?
3. What is it that causes you to shrink away from God's plan for His assigned mission? When have you allowed God to help you overcome your inadequacies? Share one take-away from that experience.

### EXPLORE

1. What are the three superpowers that Phil described God providing for us? Romans 8:31 says "If God is for us, who is against us?" When have you felt His power to overcome inadequacies or evil in your life? Read 2 Corinthians 4:7. What is the "treasure in earthen vessels"? What does this mean?
2. Read 2 Timothy 1:1-7. Describe the ways that Paul encouraged Timothy. Was this tough love or gentle caring for a dear brother? How do you like to be encouraged? Does everyone have the same desire, as you, to be coached in a certain fashion? Do you have the wisdom to change how you encourage others depending on their situation?
3. Read Acts 24:16. Paul did his best to have a clear conscience before God AND men. What does it take to have a clear conscience with others?

### EXPERIENCE

1. Are you actively a student of your spiritual life? Are you conscious of how fully you're living out God's plan for your life? If not, what is your next step to remedy this? Take action... God is for you!
2. When have you personally tapped into God's power, love, and discipline to overcome your personal weaknesses and live out His plan for your life? What is the superpower of love? What can be accomplished with love? Is there anything that can't be overcome with love? What goes wrong if you don't exercise the superpower of discipline? What goes right if you maintain discipline?
3. If you suspected that your life would be ending very soon, who would you write to? What would you write? Why would the recipient(s) of your letter need your most heartfelt words?

### PRAY

*Pray... Abba Father, Paul wrote Timothy a challenging letter and call to action. All of us have times where we need prompting to get back on mission. Please soften our hearts so that we hear and heed your voice and those you call to challenge us. Through your power alone, help us to overcome our inadequacies. And if you are calling us to uplift a fellow believer then may our words be pure and controlled by your Spirit. Amen.*

*Action... If the Holy Spirit prompted you to write an uplifting letter then do it.*