

## “THAT’S WHAT I NEED TO HEAR”

### INTRO TO 2 TIMOTHY

*This personal correspondence is an endearing exposition about the seriousness of life and the hardships that permeate the terrain along the way. It’s a timely treatise for us as wars abound, markets fluctuate, darkness encroaches, churches tremble, morals erode and persecution increases.*

### DISTINCT FEATURES OF THE BOOK

#### ① \_\_\_\_\_ Tone

Paul names Timothy his son twice (1:2; 2:1). Twice he points to his \_\_\_\_\_ environment (1:5; 3:15).

Toward the end of this letter (4:11-12,19-21), he acknowledges his coworkers. They were \_\_\_\_\_.

#### ② \_\_\_\_\_ Nature

There are \_\_\_\_\_ imperatives in \_\_\_\_\_ verses. This admonishes us to not simply \_\_\_\_\_ but to \_\_\_\_.

#### ③ \_\_\_\_\_ Statements

There seems to be that “one” in each chapter:

1:7 \_\_\_\_\_ God

2:15 \_\_\_\_\_ God

3:16 \_\_\_\_\_ God

4:7 \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ God

→ If God’s not in it, you shouldn’t either!

#### ④ \_\_\_\_\_ Duress

\_\_\_\_\_ is a genuine reality for him (1:8,12), as is abandonment (1:15).

Trouble and chains heighten the affliction (2:9).

In 2:11, he is likely addressing \_\_\_\_\_ – his own!

#### ⑤ \_\_\_\_\_ Antagonizers

He doesn’t mince words as he \_\_\_\_\_ those who are opposing God and His Word (1:15; 2:17-18).

Paul names names and signs his name to it (4:10,14).

#### ⑥ \_\_\_\_\_ Evil

The onslaught of wickedness and wrongdoing will only increase (2:16). There’s a new “\_\_\_\_\_” coming to society (3:2-5)!

It’s vital that we know what we’re facing as we invest ourselves in our culture.

### CONCLUSION

This letter gives timely counsel as we shine our lights into the pervading darkness which seeks to enclose and impede the power of the gospel.

What’s refreshing is the clarion call of this book to ground ourselves on divine revelation as it places the highest esteem on \_\_\_\_\_ Word (1:13; 2:9,15; 3:15-16; 4:2,3,4,13).

May these last words of the Apostle Paul make an indelible print in your mind!