



LIVING WELL
FINISHING STRONG
2 TIMOTHY



A Gateway Collection

Recall

- 1. Paul was an apostolic leader and minister with the love and heart of a father. (2 Timothy 1:1-2)**
- 2. Through remembrance, remain anchored in the goodness of Jesus. (2 Timothy 1:3-7)**
- 3. Join *WITH* Jesus and one another in the work of the gospel. (2 Timothy 1:8)**



**Paul's second letter to Timothy gives
us three instructions on how to live
well and finish strong**

- 1. Hold to Sound Doctrine (1:13)**
- 2. Endure Suffering (2:10)**
- 3. Ensure Succession (3:14-15)**



Paul's apostolic purpose to announce the wonderful promise of life found in Jesus, the anointed Messiah, was carried out while experiencing and enduring suffering.



**Everyone suffers, but everyone does not
suffer well.**



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**"So do not be ashamed of the testimony
about our Lord or of me his prisoner.
Rather, join with me in suffering for the
gospel, by the power of God."**

2 Timothy 1:8 NIV



**"That is why I am suffering here in prison.
But I am not ashamed of it, for I know the
one in whom I trust, and I am sure that he
is able to guard what I have entrusted to
him until the day of his return."**

2 Timothy 1:12 NLT



**"Endure suffering along with me, as a
good soldier of Christ Jesus."**

2 Timothy 2:3 NLT



"But you, Timothy, certainly know what I teach, and how I live, and what my purpose in life is. You know my faith, my patience, my love, and my endurance. You know how much persecution and suffering I have endured."

2 Timothy 3:10-11 NLT

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Four Encouragements When Suffering:

- 1. Suffer Knowingly**
- 2. Suffer Advantageously**
- 3. Suffer Cautiously**
- 4. Suffer Expectantly**



Suffer Knowingly.

- **Suffer: To be affected by, to undergo a difficult experience from another source, with physical and/or psychological suffering.**
- **Jesus and Paul know about suffering.**
- **21st century followers of Jesus will suffer.**



Suffer Advantageously.

- **Acts 5:41 and 2 Timothy 1:3 reveal our attitude towards suffering.**
- **To suffer advantageously:**
 - **Suffer BY God's power (1:8)**
 - **Suffer WITH another (1:8)**
 - **Suffer AS God's child (1:9)**
 - **Suffer IN God's grace (2:1)**



Suffer Cautiously.

- **In 2 Timothy, Paul identifies three ways to avoid suffering:**
 - **Resist and reject the Christian gospel and the church. (1:15; 2:17; 4:10, 14)**
 - **Compromise the truth and speak what people want to hear. (4:3-4)**
 - **Love the world. (4:10)**



Suffer Expectantly.

- **In 2 Timothy, Paul reveals rewards for the follower of Jesus who remains faithful during suffering:**
 - **Fellowship with Christ (1:8-10, 2:12, 4:17)**
 - **Confident growth in the knowledge of God (1:12)**
 - **Salvation of others (2:10)**
 - **Kingdom of God lifestyle and wisdom (3:10-17)**
 - **The reward of the Lord (4:6-8)**



What can we do?

- 1. Remain convinced that Jesus is good.**
- 2. Remember the last thing Jesus spoke to you.**
- 3. Declare and pray God's word.**
- 4. Share your life with another.**
- 5. Obey Jesus and trust Him.**

