

1 & 2 Timothy in a Nutshell

CHARACTERS: Paul (25), Timothy (20), ALL

SETTING: bare stage

RUN TIME: 2 minutes/page

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: 1 & 2 Timothy, (HCSB)

If this is presented on stage, Paul appears to be writing the letter and Timothy reading a scroll.

Greetings

A: Greetings from Paul, appointed a herald, apostle, and teacher,

B: To Timothy, my true son in the faith.

ALL: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

A: Timothy, my son, I am giving you this instruction so that you may strongly engage in battle

ALL: The goal of our instruction is love that comes from a pure heart

A: Timothy, train yourself in godliness.

ALL: the training of the body has a limited benefit,

B: but godliness is beneficial in every way, since it holds promise for the present life

ALL: and also for the life to come.

A: We labor and strive because we have put our hope in the living God,

ALL: who is the Savior of everyone, especially of those who believe.

B: Command and teach these things.

ALL: Let no one despise your youth;

A: instead, you should be an example to the believers in speech, in conduct

ALL: in love, in faith, in purity.

B: Give your attention to public reading, exhortation, and teaching.

ALL: Pay close attention to your life and your teaching;

A: persevere in these things,

ALL: for by doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Riches

A: Instruct those who are rich in the present age not to be arrogant

ALL: or to set their hope on the uncertainty of wealth,

B: but on God, who richly provides us with all things to enjoy.

ALL: Instruct them to do what is good, to be rich in good works,

A: to be generous, willing to share,

ALL: storing up for themselves a good reserve for the age to come,

B: so that they may take hold of life that is real.

ALL: Some imagine that godliness is a way to material gain.

A: But godliness with contentment is a great gain.

ALL: For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out.

B: But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.

ALL: But those who want to be rich fall into temptation, a trap

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A: and many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge people into ruin and destruction.

ALL: For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil,

B: and by craving it, some have wandered away from the faith

ALL: and pierced themselves with many pains.

A: But you, man of God, run from these things, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith,

ALL: love, endurance, and gentleness.

B: Fight the good fight for the faith; take hold of eternal life that you were called to

ALL: Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

A: No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in the concerns of civilian life;

ALL: he seeks to please the recruiter.

B: Also, if anyone competes as an athlete, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.

ALL: The hardworking farmer ought to be the first to get a share of the crops.

A: Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

ALL: Keep your attention on Jesus Christ as risen from the dead.

B: For God has not given us a spirit of fearfulness,

ALL: but one of power, love, and sound judgment.

Further instructions to Timothy

A: Hold on to the pattern of sound teaching that you have heard from me,

ALL: Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

B: All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking,

ALL: for correcting, for training in righteousness,

A: so that the man of God may be complete,

ALL: equipped for every good work.

A: I solemnly charge you before God and Christ Jesus,

ALL: Proclaim the message.

B: Persist in it whether convenient or not;

ALL: rebuke, correct, and encourage with great patience and teaching.

A: Be serious about everything, endure hardship,

ALL: do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

A: And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses,

ALL: commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

B: Do not to fight about words; this is in no way profitable

ALL: and leads to the ruin of the hearers.

B: Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed,

ALL: correctly teaching the word of truth.

A: Flee from youthful passions, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace,

ALL: The Lord's slave must not quarrel, but must be gentle to everyone,

B: able to teach, and patient, instructing his opponents with gentleness.

Final words

A: I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone,

ALL: for kings and all those who are in authority,

B: so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

ALL: This is good, and it pleases God our Savior,

B: who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

A: I am not ashamed, because I know the One I have believed in

ALL: and am persuaded that He is able to guard what has been entrusted to me until that day.

B: Know this: Difficult times will come in the last days.

ALL: In fact, all those who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

A: For I am already being poured out as a drink offering,

ALL: and the time for your departure is close, Paul.

A: I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

ALL: There is reserved for you in the future the crown of righteousness,

A: which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me,

ALL: but to all those who have loved His appearing.

A: The Lord will rescue me from every evil work

ALL: and will bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom.

B: To Him be the glory forever and ever! Amen.

ALL: The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

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