

Lesson 11

Be Aware

Note: This trait is not one Jesus possessed in the usual way, as He knows all things (Matt 9:4; John 2:24-25; 21:17). However, the command to be aware was given by Paul in our text, and was also given to His disciples by the Lord Jesus. As such, it is worthy of our study and consideration.

Read 2 Timothy 4:14-15.

1. Of whom did Paul tell Timothy to be aware? _____

2. Why was Timothy to be aware of this man? _____

3. What does this tell us about the words that Paul preached? _____

Read 2 Peter 3:17-18.

1. Of what should we be aware? _____
2. How can we be led away? _____
3. How can we guard against such? _____

Read Matthew 24:23-26, 45-51. Of what did Jesus tell the disciples to be aware? _____

Discussion: Of what things or people should we be aware in the church? Why?



“Bee-ing” Like Jesus

Lessons for Christian Living from 2 Timothy

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“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 2:5

When Paul admonished the Philippians to be like Jesus, his were not just empty words. More than anything, Paul wanted to be like his Lord. Showing the brethren the extent of his desire, Paul detailed his great personal losses for the sake of Christ, then spoke of them in the following verses:

*“But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things. And count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ, and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith: **that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.**”* Philippians 3:7-11

Our challenge and goal this week is to be more like Jesus as we study some “be” passages from Paul’s pen in 2 Timothy.

Let’s get started!

Lesson 10

Be Ready

Read 2 Timothy 4:1-8.

The word “ready” (“instant” - KJV) means to “be present” or “close by.” In the military, one who is not present at his assigned post and unaccounted for is said to be AWOL, an acronym for “absent without leave.”

In 2 Timothy 4:6, the same word appears, although it does not appear as “ready” in this text. From our brief study of this word, can you determine what word or phrase in verse 6 is the same as “ready” in verse 2? _____

Discuss: What does “in season and out of season” mean? _____

When or in what situations should Christians be “ready” in the following texts?

1. Titus 3:1 — _____
 2. 1 Peter 3:15 — _____
- 1 Timothy 6:18 — _____

Discuss: In what other situations can Christians be ready at all times?

Discuss: How can Jesus be said to be “ready” in the sense in which this word appears?

Lesson 9

Be Patient

Read 2 Timothy 2:24. When we think of patience, we usually think of the ability to tolerate some irritating individual or situation. This is not the meaning of the word we are studying here. Rather, this word means to endure wrongdoing, harm, or wickedness. In fact, this is the only appearance of this word in the entire New Testament.

Let's first consider the author's own experience with this word.

1. What did the Jews intend to do in Acts 9:23-25? _____
2. What did the Jews do in Acts 14:19-20? _____
3. In spite of these things, what did Paul say about his Jewish brethren in Romans 9:1-4? _____

4. What was Paul's prayer and desire for the Jews according to Romans 10:1? _____

Now let's look at Jesus...

1. What does Hebrews 12:1-4 say about Jesus in this regard?

2. What harm was threatened in John 8:59 & 10:31? _____
3. What threat occurred in Luke 4:28-29? _____
4. What wickedness did Jesus endure in Matthew 26:57-68?
_____ in Matthew 27:29-30? _____ in John 19:1? _____

Discuss: How can we prepare ourselves to endure as Jesus did?

Lesson 1

Be not Ashamed

Read 2 Timothy 1:8-12.

1. Paul told Timothy not to be ashamed of what two things?

2. Why would Timothy possibly be ashamed of Paul? _____

3. **Read 1 Peter 4:16.** What did Peter say Christians should do when suffering for the cause of Christ? _____
4. **Read Romans 1:16.** Of what did Paul say he was not ashamed? _____ Why? _____

5. **Read Mark 8:38.** Jesus said we must not be ashamed of _____ or His _____. What will happen to us if we are?

6. **Read Hebrews 12:1-3.** What does this text say about Jesus' attitude toward the shame of the cross? _____



Discussion: What are some doctrines that sometimes cause members of the church to be ashamed?

Discussion: How might our shame toward Jesus and His word manifest itself in our lives?

Lesson 2

Be Strong

Read 2 Timothy 2:1.

1. We are to be strong through _____.
2. The grace that makes us strong is found in _____.
3. Acts 20:32—"I commend you to God, and to the _____ of his _____."
4. What two things can this word do for us? _____



Read Matthew 4:1-10. Was Jesus strong? What did He use in times of temptation when it might have been easy to be weak?

Discussion: What are some times and places where it may be difficult for us to be strong?

Discussion: How can 1 Corinthians 10:13 and 15:33 help us in our quest to remain strong?

Lesson 3

Be Diligent in Study

Read 2 Timothy 2:15.

1. What does it mean to "handle aright the word of truth?" _____
2. Read John 1:43-46. Spending time in Bible study helped Philip identify _____. How can our own Bible study do the same?
3. What two blessings did Jesus promise in John 8:31-32 to those who continue in His word? _____
4. Was Jesus a good Bible student (Luke 4:16-21)? Discuss.



Lesson 7

Be Able to Teach

Read 2 Timothy 2:24. A Christian's ability to teach is vital to the success and growth of the church. There are many aspects & avenues of teaching.

1. What two ways of teaching do we find in Acts 20:20?

2. What means did Paul use to teach in 1 Thessalonians 2:15 and Ephesians 3:4? _____
3. What means did Peter give Christian women to teach their unbelieving husbands in 1 Peter 3:1-2? _____
4. In 2 Timothy 2:2, what should be the result when we teach others? _____
Note in this verse how there are four "generations" of teaching involved. What are these four "generations?"
_____ > _____ > _____ > _____
5. Why did the author of Hebrews chastise those Christians in Hebrews 5:12-14? _____
6. What church leader is required to be able to teach according to 1 Timothy 3:1-2? _____
7. In Titus 1:9-11, what are the reasons these men must be able to teach? _____

Discussion: What are some of the situations or methods Jesus used in His teaching in: Matthew 4:23-5:1ff? _____
Mark 2:1-2? _____ Mark 4:1-2? _____
John 3:1-2ff? _____ Matt 22:25-46? _____
John 10:32? _____

Lesson 6

Be Gentle

Read 2 Timothy 2:24.

Note! The “be” in verse 24 applies to all three adjectives in the text: gentle, able to teach, patient. We shall examine each on its own.

Many today equate gentleness with weakness. Are they same? _____ Before we discuss how they are the same or different, let’s look at some examples from the Bible.



MOSES

1. Read Exodus 2:11-14. Would you say that Moses was a strong person? _____
2. Read Numbers 12:3. What does this verse say about Moses?

3. When you hear the word “meekness,” what words or ideas come to mind? _____

JESUS

1. Read John 2:13-17 and Mark 11:15-17. Would you say that Jesus was a strong person? _____
2. Read Matthew 11:28-30. How does Jesus describe Himself in this passage? _____

Discussion: Considering the examples of Moses and Jesus, how can we be strong and gentle at the same time?

How can we be strong and gentle as we teach others the error of their ways? (cf Prov 15:1; Col 4:6)

Read 2 Timothy 2:5-7.

1. In sports, one can only be crowned champion when he competes according to the _____.
2. In farming, the farmer is the _____ to receive a blessing from his work.

When I study the Bible, I am the first to benefit. But like the farmer who is blessed and then blesses others with his work, my Bible study also blesses others. What are some of the ways I benefit from Bible study? Who else and in what ways can others benefit from my study?

Did you know?

David is the author of Psalm 119, the longest chapter in the Bible with 176 verses. The chapter contains 176 verses because it is arranged according to the Hebrew alphabet, which contains 22 letters. The first eight verses of this chapter begin with the first letter of the alphabet (aleph), the second eight verses begin with the second letter (beth), and so on. In these 176 verses, there are...

42 references to God’s **WORD**

23 references to God’s **LAW**

22 references to God’s **STATUTES**

21 references to God’s **COMMANDMENTS**

21 references to God’s **PRECEPTS**

21 references to God’s **TESTIMONIES**

19 references to God’s **JUDGMENTS**

That’s **169** references in 176 verses! Is it any wonder then that in Acts 13:22 David is called “a man after God’s own heart?”

Discussion: How can we be a people after God’s own heart?

Lesson 4

Be a Vessel of Honor

Read 2 Timothy 2:20-21.

1. What is a vessel and what purpose does it serve? _____

2. In a great house there are two kinds of vessels, those made of _____ & _____ and those made of _____ & _____.



Read 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5.

1. What vessel is Paul talking about in verse 4? _____
2. What do you think this vessel is carrying? _____
3. According to Matthew 16:24-26, what is my most valuable possession? _____
4. How many destinations are there for this most precious cargo? _____ What are they? _____

Read 1 Peter 2:21-23

1. What do these verses tell us about how Jesus possessed his vessel? _____
2. What does Hebrews 4:15 say about Jesus and his handling of temptation? _____

DID YOU KNOW? When the Bible speaks about the sinless life of Jesus, it never uses the word “perfect” as we often do. Instead, it simply says, ‘Jesus didn’t sin.’

Lesson 5

Be Wise

Read 2 Timothy 2:23.

1. There is no specific “be” in this verse, but we are told to avoid things associated with _____ and _____.

2. Matthew 10:16 - we are to be as wise as _____ and harmless as _____.
What does this mean?
3. 2 Corinthians 10:12 teaches that when we _____ ourselves to others, we are not wise.
4. Ephesians 5:15-16 - we can avoid being foolish by _____
_____.
5. **Read John 9:4-5.** Was Jesus a time-conscious person? _____
6. Why? _____
7. Should we be time conscious? _____ Why? _____

8. In James 1:5-8, what does James tell us to do if we lack wisdom? _____ How are we to ask? _____



Read Proverbs 1:8-19 and Proverbs 19:26-27 and discuss:

1. Where do these texts tell us to go to help us be wise?
2. Does the Father in this text seem to know about his son’s friends and what they intend to do?
3. Who are some others we should listen to or look to for wisdom and guidance?