

INTRODUCTION TO 2 TIMOTHY

Key Verse: 2:15

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

Paul wrote 2 Timothy during his second imprisonment in Rome under the evil Emperor Nero. Unlike his first imprisonment (when he was able to live in a rented house (Ac 28:30)), this time he was put in a cold dungeon (4:13). He was chained like a common criminal (1:16; 2:9). Paul knew that his mission life on earth was almost over (4:6-8). Even in this difficult personal situation, Paul was concerned about the churches and encouraged Timothy to guard and preserve the gospel (1:14; 3:14) and charged him to keep on preaching (4:2).

