



# 2 Timothy Recap

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# Setting Captives Free

## (2 Timothy 2:20-26)

## Introduction:

**God has chosen to use us to help others experience the life transforming beauty of the gospel, to help them be freed from Satan's bonds. In order to most productively help them escape, we are to get rid of those qualities that would diminish our effectiveness.**



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## Paul's point:

**For God to use us most productively (honorable) we need to be getting rid of that which would diminish our ability to most productively promote Jesus' love.**



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**Paul gets fairly specific about what we are to get rid of and what we are to pursue to be most productive.**





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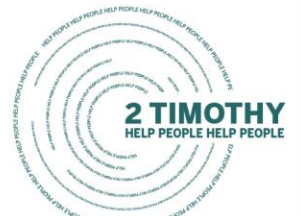


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## **This isn't easy.**



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**Paul not only tells us what to flee, but also what to pursue.**





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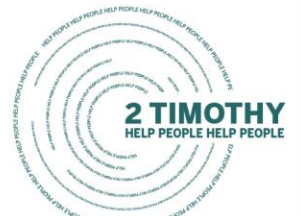
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**“INSIDE OUT”**



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**“The Expulsive Power of a New Affection”  
- Thomas Chalmers**



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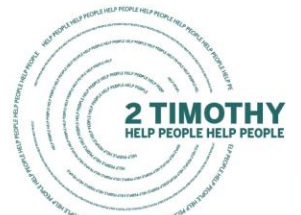
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**“Stand but don’t push”**



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  - **Relax, have fun, be bold, be kind, be gentle**

