

## 2 Timothy 1 v 8 – 18

8 So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord. And don't be ashamed of me either, even though I'm in prison for him. With the strength God gives you, be ready to suffer with me for the sake of the Good News. 9 For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus. 10 And now he has made all of this plain to us by the appearing of Christ Jesus, our Saviour. He broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News. 11 And God chose me to be a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of this Good News.

12 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.

13 Hold on to the pattern of wholesome teaching you learned from me—a pattern shaped by the faith and love that you have in Christ Jesus. 14 Through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us, carefully guard the precious truth that has been entrusted to you.

15 As you know, everyone from the province of Asia has deserted me—even Phygelus and Hermogenes.

16 May the Lord show special kindness to Onesiphorus and all his family because he often visited and encouraged me. He was never ashamed of me because I was in chains. 17 When he came to Rome, he searched everywhere until he found me. 18 May the Lord show him special kindness on the day of Christ's return. And you know very well how helpful he was in Ephesus.

### Questions:

What has been your best and what has been your worst experience of sharing Christ with a non-believer? – what have you learned from this?

1. Why would we suffer for trying to share "Good News"?
2. What would Paul have done as a "preacher" as an "Apostle" and as a "teacher".
3. What did Paul mean when he said, "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."
4. Why was Timothy told to hold onto the pattern of teaching he had got from Paul? Why could Paul have been concerned that he might not do so?
5. What qualities can we see in the life of Onesiphorus? Has there ever been anyone like this in our lives?

What might other believers find commendable in our lives?