

## **Bible Study for October 10 - 16, 2022**

**Read:** 2 Timothy 2:1-15

### **Notes:**

This selection from 2 Timothy contrasts the inspired Scripture and its correct interpretation by church leaders with self-serving heterodox teachers who attract “itching ears.” This passage became central to Christian fundamentalists who argue that divine inspiration implies inerrancy. With a wide variation in what is meant by divine inspiration—variations that might be upsetting to the author of 2 Timothy—all Christian churches say that they proclaim the inspired word of God. At weekly worship, we “proclaim the message.”

### **Questions to Ponder:**

What are some pressures on you that shake your faith? What encouragement do you find in this passage to help you face those pressures?

What does the Christian way of living have in common with a soldier? An athlete? A farmer?

In verse 9, Paul mentions that God’s word is not chained. What do you think he means by that?

What are Paul’s reasons for enduring his hardships?

How is quarreling about words (verse 14) of no value?