outline of II timothy chapter two

I. CONTINUED APPEALS AND EXHORTATIONS TO TIMOTHY. (1-13)

- a. Be strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. (1)
- b. Entrust the gospel to faithful men. (2)
 - > What he had received from Paul.
 - > The taught to teach others.
- c. Endure or suffer hardship as a good soldier of Christ. (3)
- d. Examples of faithfulness to duty. (4-7)
 - Soldier. (4)
 - Does not get entangled in civilian pursuits.
 - 2. Aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him.
 - > Athlete is crowned if he competes according to the rules. (5)
 - > Farmer (husbandman). (6)
 - 1. Hard-working (labors)
 - 2. Ought to receive first shares of the crop.
- e. Think on what Paul has said and God will give understanding. (7)
- f. Remember Jesus (motivating force). (8-9a)
 - > Risen from the dead. (8)
 - Descended from David. (8)
 - > Preached in Paul's gospel. (8-9a)
 - 1. His suffering for the gospel. (9a)
 - 2. Wearing fetters (chains) like a criminal. (9a)
- g. The word of God is not fettered (or bound)—therefore: (9b-10)
 - > Paul endures everything for the elect (the saints—those in Christ). (10)
 - > That those in Christ may obtain salvation with eternal glory. (10)
- h. A "sure saying" (or "faithful saying") (11-13)
 - > If we die with Him, we shall also live with Him. (11)
 - If we endure (or persevere), we shall also reign with Him. (12)
 - > If we deny Him, He will also deny us. (12)
 - > If we are faithless, He remains faithful—He cannot deny Himself. (13)

II. PERSONAL COUNSEL TO TIMOTHY. (14-26)

- a. Timothy to remind and charge the brethren. (14)
 - Remind them of previous statements.
 - Charge them to avoid striving about words.
- b. Timothy to become an approved workman. (15)
 - > Do the best he can in presenting himself to God.
 - > Be a workman that has no reason to be ashamed.
 - Rightly handle the word of truth.
- c. Continuing the charge to Timothy. (16-18)
 - > Avoid Godless chatter. (16-17a)
 - 1. Only leads to more ungodliness. (16)
 - 2. That kind of talk will eat its way like gangrene. (17a)
 - False teachers named. (17b-18)
 - 1. Have swerved from the truth. (18)
 - 2. The teach resurrection is past already. (18)
 - 3. Upset the faith of some. (18)
- d. God's firm foundation stands—bearing His seal. (19)
 - The Lord knows those who are His.
 - Let those who name the name of the Lord depart from evil.
- e. Vessels in the house of God. (20-21)
 - > Some of gold, silver, wood and earthenware. (20)
 - Some vessels are for noble use—some ignoble. (20)
 - > Examples of noble vessels: (21)
 - 1. One who purifies himself from what is not noble.
 - 2. One who becomes consecrated.
 - 3. One who becomes useful to the master.
 - 4. One who is prepared unto any good work.
- f. How to become a useful servant (a noble vessel). (22-23)
 - > Shun youthful passions. (22)
 - > Aim at righteousness. (22)
 - > Aim at faith. (22)
 - Aim at love. (22)
 - Aim at peace. (22)
 - With all who call upon the Lord from a pure heart. (22)
 - Avoid foolish and unlearned questions. (23)
- g. Other qualities of a good servant of the Lord. (24-26)
 - Must not be quarrelsome. (24)
 - Must be gentle (kind) to everyone. (24)
 - Must be apt to teach. (24)
 - Must be patient (forbearing). (24)
 - Must correct opponents with meekness (gentleness) (25-26)
 - 1. So that God will grant them time to repent. (25)
 - 2. That in repenting they might come to know the truth. (25)
 - 3. That they may escape the snare of the devil who has captured them to do his will. (26)

QUESTIONS FOR II TIMOTHY CHAPTER TWO

1. What was Paul's instruction to Timothy in verse 1?
2. Why was Timothy to entrust the word of God to others? (2)
 Why did Paul use the soldier "that warreth" as an example for Timothy? (3-4)
 In speaking of one who would "strive for the masteries", of whom was Paul speaking? (5)
5. What did Paul ask Timothy to remember about Jesus? (8)
6. "If we be with Him, we shall also with Him." (11)
7. How can we be as Paul states in verse 11? (thought question)
8. In verse 15, is Paul chastising Timothy because he is not reading and studying the word of God? If not, what is Paul saying to Timothy?
9. Paul speaks of those who utter "profane and vain babblings" in verse 16. (a) What is the effect of their words? (17)(b) Does Paul name names? (17)(c) What had the two false teachers been teaching? (18)
10. How does Paul describe the "servant of the Lord" in verses 24 and