

Titus

Lesson #9, Chapter 2 Overview

The goal of this lesson is to teach you how to look at and begin to study a text of Scripture. Observation is a necessary part of Bible study, but can often be overlooked or rushed through. Observation begins with reading through the chapter and then reading and rereading it again and again! At this stage in our Bible study you're noticing and then recording what God has put into the chapter. You're not making any interpretations about what it means or how it applies to your life—that will come later. Don't rush through this lesson. Set aside time this week to peer into the living and abiding word of God. You'll be glad you did!

I've included Chapter 2 at the end of this lesson so you can print it out and mark it up if you'd like. I find it helps me see items more easily if I'm marking and noting things as I go.

1. To begin, read through Chapter 2. Now, summarize the contents of Chapter 2. This is not the time to be super detailed; instead, think of trying to tell a 4th grader the contents of the chapter.
 - a. Summarize paragraph 1 (verses 1-2).
 - b. Summarize paragraph 2 (verses 3-5).
 - c. Summarize paragraph 3 (verses 6-8).
 - d. Summarize paragraph 4 (verses 9-11).
 - e. Summarize paragraph 5 (verses 12-14).

- f. Summarize paragraph 6 (verse 15).

2. After reviewing the chapter and what you wrote for your summaries, ask yourself: What is the main point of this chapter? How do all these details and events reveal the main idea of the chapter? Record your answer below.

3. Next, look for a verse in the chapter that best summarizes the contents of the chapter. You might be tempted to choose your favorite verse here, but please don't do that. Instead, consider which verse best sums up what's in the chapter. Write down the verse you chose here.

4. Now you're ready to title your chapter. Your 3-5 word title should reflect the contents of the chapter. Remember, a title's purpose is to help you remember what is in each chapter.

5. List every time *God* is used by Paul in Chapter 2. Include the details that you learn about Him. For example: (verse 5) the word of God can be dishonored.

6. List every time *Jesus Christ* is used and what you learn about Him. Include any pronouns that clearly refer to Him along with verse references.

7. Who is the *you* referred to in Chapter 2 and what do you learn about him?

8. What groups of people are mentioned in this chapter?

9. List what you learned about *older men*.

10. Write down everything you learned about *older women*.

11. What did you learn about *young women*?

12. List what you discovered about *young men*.

13. Record the details about *bondslaves*.

14. Who are the *us/our* of Chapter 2 and what details do you learn about that group?

15. What commands are given in Chapter 2? List them.

16. Record all the instances where the word *all* is used.

17. List any references to speech in this chapter and the details you learn about it.

18. Write down any purpose statements that give reasons for what they are to do.

19. What can you observe about the grace of God from verses 11-14?

20. Any other observations you made that you thought were interesting about this chapter?

Chapter 2

1 **B**UT as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine.

2 Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance.

3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips, nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good,

4 that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 *to be* sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be dishonored.

6 Likewise urge the young men to be sensible;

7 in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, *with* purity in doctrine, dignified,

8 sound *in* speech which is beyond reproach, in order that the opponent may be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

9 *Urge* bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative,

10 not pilfering, but showing all good faith that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men,

12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,

13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus;

14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

15 These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.