

Paul's Second Epistle to Timothy

Chapter One

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God according to the promise of life in Christ Jesus ²to Timothy, beloved child, Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 I give thanks to God, Whom I serve as did my ancestors, with a pure conscience, as I have unceasing remembrance concerning you in my supplications day and night. ⁴Because your tears have been brought to mind, I am longing to see you, so that I might be filled with joy, ⁵when I have a recollection the non-hypocritical faith in you, which first indwelt your grandmother, Lois, and in your mother, Eunice, I am persuaded then that it is also in you. ⁶Therefore, I remind you to rekindle the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷For God did not give you a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and of a wise mentality.

8 Therefore, do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me, His prisoner, but suffer together for the gospel according to the power of God, ⁹who saved and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before perpetual times. ¹⁰but now having been manifested through the visible appearance of our savior, Jesus Christ, on one hand having canceled death, but on the other hand having enlightened life and incorruption through the gospel, ¹¹unto which I myself was appointed a herald, and an apostle, and a teacher of Gentiles. ¹²For this cause I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed, for I know in whom I have believed, and I have been persuaded that He is able to guard the thing I entrusted until that day.

13 Hold to a pattern of healthy words which you heard from me in faith and love in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good thing entrusted to you through the Holy Spirit who indwells you.

15 You know this, that all the people in Asia have been turned away from me, among whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes. ¹⁶May the Lord

grant mercy on the household of Onesiphorus because he refreshed me many times, and was not ashamed of my chains, ¹⁷but after he arrived in Rome, he very diligently sought and found me. ¹⁸And you yourself know very well the many ways he ministered in Ephesus.

Chapter Two

1 Therefore, my child, you yourself be empowered by the grace which is in Christ Jesus. ²And the things which you heard from me through many witnesses, present these things to faithful men who will be qualified to teach others also. ³Therefore, endure suffering as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. ⁴No one who soldiers in a war becomes entangled with the activities of daily life, in order that he may please the one who enlisted him. ⁵And also, if anyone should compete athletically, he is not crowned unless he competes lawfully. ⁶It is necessary for the farmer who labors to first take his share of the produce. ⁷Think about the things which I say: for the Lord may give you understanding in all things.

8 Remember that Jesus Christ, who is from the seed of David, has been raised from the dead according to my gospel, ⁹for which I endure suffering including bonds as a criminal, but the word of God has not been bound. ¹⁰Because of this I endure all things on account of the elect, in order that also they should obtain salvation with perpetual glory, which is in Christ Jesus. ¹¹The word is believable; for if we died with him, we shall also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we shall also reign with Him; if we deny Him, that one will also deny us; ¹³if we do not believe, that one remains faithful; He is not able to deny Himself.

14 Cause them to remember these things, admonishing them in the presence of the Lord not to argue about words resulting in nothing useful, causing the ruination of the ones who hear. ¹⁵Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as an unashamed worker, while cutting a straight path through the word of the truth. ¹⁶But stay away from profane empty discussions, for they will advance unto more impiety, ¹⁷and their word will

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spread like gangrene, among whom are Hymenaeus and Philetus,¹⁸ who concerning the truth have missed the mark, stating the resurrection to have already occurred, and over turn the faith of some.¹⁹ However, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal: The Lord knows the ones who are His, and, Let the one who names the name of the Lord abstain from every unrighteousness.²⁰ But in a large house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also wood and clay, and some things indeed for honor, but other things for dishonor.²¹ Therefore, if someone should completely clean himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, having been sanctified and useful for the master, having been prepared for every good work.

22 Now flee youthful lusts, but pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, with the ones who call on the Lord from a clean heart.²³ But avoid foolish and ignorant questions, because you know that they beget disputes.²⁴ And it is not necessary for a slave of the Lord to quarrel, but to be kind to all, an able teacher, patient,²⁵ in meekness instructing the ones who oppose you. Perhaps God may give them repentance unto a full knowledge of truth,²⁶ and they come to their senses, being delivered from the snare of the devil, having been taken alive by him, resulting in doing that one's will.

Chapter Three

1 But know this, that in the last days violent seasons will arrive.² For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money,³ without normal affection, irreconcilable, slanderous, out of control, brutal, not loving goodness,⁴ traitors, reckless, puffed up with pride, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,⁵ having a form of piety, but denying its power. And turn away from these people.⁶ For from among these people are the ones who insinuate themselves into houses and leading captive foolish women who have become overwhelmed by sins,⁷ always learning and not ever being able to come to a full knowledge of truth.⁸ And the manner in which Jannes and Jambres

stood opposed Moses, so also these people are standing against the truth, men having been corrupted with reference to the mind, disapproved concerning the faith.⁹ But they will not advance further, for their foolishness will be obvious to all, as the foolishness of those men came to be.

10 On the other hand, you yourself have followed closely my teaching, my conduct, my purpose, my faith, my longsuffering, my love, my endurance,¹¹ my persecutions, my sufferings (which persecutions I bore up under. And the Lord rescued me from all of them).¹² And certainly all who desire to live reverently in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.¹³ But evil men and impostors will get worse, deceiving and being deceived.¹⁴ But remain in the things which you have learned and have been fully persuaded, knowing from whom you learned them,¹⁵ and that from a young child you have known your sacred letters, which have been able to cause you to become wise to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Chapter Four

2 Timothy Four

1 Therefore, I strongly assert in the presence of God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who is going to judge the living and the dead at His appearance and His kingdom,² proclaim the word, be ready in season and out of season, convince, reprove, encourage with all longsuffering and doctrine.³ For there will be a season when the teaching which is healthy will not be accepted, but according to their own lusts, their ear being itchy, they will accumulate teachers to themselves.⁴ and, on the one hand, they will turn their ear from the truth, but on the other hand, they will be turned away to myths.⁵ But remain sober in all things. Endure suffering; do the work of an evangelist; fully carry out your service.

6 For I am already being poured out, and the season of my departure has drawn near.⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race-course, I have kept the faith.⁸ Finally, the crown of righteousness is reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will deliver to me on

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that day, although not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearance.

9 Be diligent to come to me quickly. ¹⁰For Demas has abandoned me, having loved the current age, and he went to Thessalonica, Crescens to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. When you have gotten Mark, bring him with you, for he is useful to me for service. ¹²And I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³When you come, bring the heavy cloak which I left in Troas with Carpus, and the books, above all the parchments.

14 Alexander the coppersmith perpetrated many harmful things against me. May the Lord recompense him according to his works; whom also you yourself also strongly guard against, for he greatly stood against our words.

16 In my first defense, none came together with me, but all deserted me. May it not be reckoned against them. ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me, and He empowered me, in order that through me the proclamation may be accomplished, and all the Gentiles might hear. And I was rescued from the mouth of the lion. ¹⁸And the Lord will rescue me from all evil works, and will save me for His kingdom, the heavenly one, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

19 Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. ²⁰Erastus remained in Corinth, but I left Trophimus in Miletus because he was ill. ²¹Be diligent to come before winter. Eubulus greets you; also Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brothers greet you.

22 May the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. His grace be with you. Amen.