

2Timothy

Chapter 1

- ¶1. Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, in accord with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus.
2. To Timothy, my beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and from Christ Jesus our Lord.
- ¶3. I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience, following my ancestors, constantly remembering you in my prayers, night and day,
4. longing to see you, when I remember your tears, so that I may be filled with joy,
5. recalling the sincere faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois, then in your mother Eunike, and, I am convinced, is also in you.
6. For which reason I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.
7. For God has not given us a cowardly spirit, but the spirit of power and love and a sound mind.
8. Therefore, do not be ashamed of the witness of our Lord, nor of me, his prisoner; on the contrary, join me in suffering for the gospel that is based on the power of God,
9. who rescued us and called us with a holy calling, not because of our works, but because of His own purpose and favor, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,
10. but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, bringing death to nothing and bringing life and immortality to light through the gospel,
11. for which I was ordained a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of Gentiles.
12. For which cause, I also suffer these things; nevertheless, I am not ashamed, for I know in whom I have believed, and I am convinced that He is able to protect my deposit until that day.
13. Maintain the standard of sound words which you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
14. Guard that good deposit through the holy Spirit which dwells in us.
- ¶15. You know this, that all they in Asia have forsaken me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes.
16. May the Lord show mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus, because many times he refreshed me, and he was not ashamed of my confinement.
17. Indeed, while he was in Rome, he eagerly sought me out, and he found me.

18. May the Lord grant him that he find mercy from the Lord in that day! And what services he rendered in Ephesus, you know very well.

Chapter 2

- ¶1. So, my son, you be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
2. And the things you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, those things pass on to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.
3. Patiently endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
4. No one who goes to war entangles himself in the affairs of this life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.
5. If someone competes as an athlete, he is not crowned except he compete lawfully.
6. The hard-working farmer ought to be first to partake of the fruits.
7. Consider the things I am saying, and the Lord give you understanding in all things.
8. Remember Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, has been raised from the dead, according to my gospel,
9. for which I endure hardship, even to bonds, as an evildoer, but the word of God is not bound.
10. Therefore, I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they might attain to the salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.
11. This is a true saying: If we die with him, we shall also live with him.
12. If we endure, we will also reign with him. If we deny him, he will also deny us.
13. If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful; he cannot deny himself.
- ¶14. Put them in mind of these things. Charge them before the Lord not to wrangle over words, which is useful for nothing, but only brings the listeners to ruin.
15. Make every effort to present yourself approved to God, a workman who needs not be ashamed, handling the word of truth rightly.
16. Avoid worthless, empty babblings, for they will lead to more ungodliness,
17. and their talk will spread like gangrene, among whom are Hymenaeus and Philetus,
18. who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they are overthrowing the faith of some.
19. Nevertheless, the sure foundation of God stands firm, bearing this inscription: “The LORD knows those who are His”, and, “Let everyone who names the name of the LORD depart from unrighteousness.”
20. In a great house, there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor.

21. So then, if someone purges himself from these, he will be a vessel of honor, sanctified, and fit for the Master's use, prepared for any good work.
22. Flee youthful lusts; pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, with those who call upon the Lord out of a pure heart.
23. But avoid stupid and ignorant discussions; you know that they engender quarrels.
24. A slave of the Lord must not quarrel, but be gentle toward all men, skillful in teaching, patient,
25. instructing with meekness those who oppose him. It may be that God will grant them repentance unto a knowledge of the truth,
26. and they may come to their senses out of the snare of the Slanderer, who by him have been taken captive to his will.

Chapter 3

- ¶1. Know this, that in the last days, perilous times shall come.
2. Men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, braggarts, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
3. unfeeling, unyielding, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, with no love for goodness,
4. traitors, reckless, puffed up, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God,
5. having a form of godliness but denying its power. Turn away from such as these!
6. Of these are they who worm their way into houses, taking silly women captive who are weighed down with sins and led away by various lusts,
7. always learning, and yet, never able to come to a knowledge of the truth.
8. Like Jannes and Jambres, who withstood Moses, so these men also withstand the truth, men whose minds are corrupt, reprobate concerning the faith.
9. But they will make no further progress, for their folly will be exposed before all, just as theirs also was.
10. But as for you, you have diligently followed me in doctrine, conduct, resolve, faith, steadfastness, love, patience,
11. persecutions, and sufferings such as came upon me in Antioch, in Iconium, and in Lystra (such persecutions have I borne!), and yet the Lord delivered me out of them all.
12. Indeed, all who are willing to live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.
13. Evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.
14. But as for you, continue in those things you have learned and believed, knowing from whom you have learned

15. and that from childhood you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are able to make you wise concerning salvation through faith that is in Christ Jesus.
16. All scripture is inspired by God, and useful for doctrine, for verification, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
17. so that the man of God might be complete, equipped for every good work.

Chapter 4

- ¶1. So, I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who at his appearing and his kingdom will judge the living and the dead:
 2. preach the word; be ready in both convenient and inconvenient times; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all patience and doctrine.
 3. For the time will come when they will not put up with sound doctrine, but will heap up teachers for themselves according to their own lusts, having itching ears,
 4. and they will turn away from hearing the truth, and they will be turned over to myths.
 5. But as for you, be sensible in everything; endure hardship; do the work of an evangelist; fulfill your ministry.
 6. As for me, I am now at length being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come.
 7. I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.
 8. As for the future, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, will grant me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all those who love his appearing.
- ¶9. Make every effort to come to me quickly,
 10. for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and he has gone to Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia; Titus to Dalmatia.
 11. Luke alone is with me. Take Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for the ministry.
 12. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus.
 13. When you come, bring my cloak which I left at Troas with Karpus, and the books, especially the parchments.
 14. Alexander the metalworker did me much harm; may the Lord reward him according to his deeds,
 15. whom also you yourself watch, for he vehemently opposed our words.
 16. At my first defense, no one stood with me, but everyone forsook me; may it not be held against them.

17. Nevertheless, the Lord stood with me, and he strengthened me so that through me, the preaching might fully be accomplished and all the Gentiles may hear; and I was delivered from the lion's mouth.
18. And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and will preserve me for his heavenly kingdom; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.
- ¶19. Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the house of Onesiphorus.
20. Erastus stayed in Corinth. I left Trophimus behind at Melitus, sick.
21. Make haste to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brothers.
- ¶22. The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.