#### PAUL'S SECOND LETTERTO TIMOTHY: ENCOURAGED BY THE GOSPEL



"The Gospel and True Friendship"
Part 1
2 Timothy 4:9-22



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10 For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

11 Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry.



- 12 Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus.
- 13 When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments.
- 14 Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds.
- 15 Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message.



16 At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them!

17 But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.



18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

19 Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.

20 Erastus remained at Corinth, and I left Trophimus, who was ill, at Miletus.



21 Do your best to come before winter. Eubulus sends greetings to you, as do Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brothers.

22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.



I. Ministry, like life, flourishes best in the soil of companionship (v. 9)

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II. Desertion, for whatever, reason, hurts(v. 10)

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# III. The gospel, if it is anything, is a ministry of reconciliation (v. 11)

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IV. No matter what the ministry circumstances are, stay focused on spreading the gospel (v. 12)

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# V. Gospel ministry does not negate one's sense of personal need (v. 13)

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#### VI. The great pain that comes from traitors in the ministry (vv. 14-16)

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VIII. Gospel ministry enlarges our heart of concern for Christ followers (v. 19)

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IX. More reminders of the importance of spreading the gospel (v. 20)

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XI. The hope of any gospel ministry (v. 22)

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I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.



8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.