

Pauls Words to a Discouraged Preacher

2 Timothy Overview

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Timothy: 'I greet you—I love you—I long for you—I remember your faith'

- 2Ti 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,
2Ti 1:2 To Timothy, *my* dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
2Ti 1:3 I thank God, whom I serve from *my* forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day
2Ti 1:4 Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;
2Ti 1:5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also

Timothy: 'In spite of fear and affliction—Preach the gospel according to the power of God'

- 2Ti 1:6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.
2Ti 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.
2Ti 1:8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

Timothy: 'Here is my version of the gospel according to the power of God'

- 2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

Timothy: 'Here is our purpose for preaching the gospel according to the power of God'

- 2Ti 1:10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

Timothy: 'I am committed to keep on preaching the gospel according to the power of God'

- 2Ti 1:11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.
2Ti 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

Timothy: 'Stay committed to preach the gospel that God committed to you'

- 2Ti 1:13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.
2Ti 1:14 That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.

Timothy: 'You know that many preachers have deserted me'

- 2Ti 1:15 This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia be turned away from me; of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.

Timothy: 'One stuck with me' (Perhaps Paul is implying, "Are you *wid* me or *agin* me?")

- 2Ti 1:16 The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain:
2Ti 1:17 But, when he was in Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found *me*.
2Ti 1:18 The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day: and in how many things he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well.

Timothy: 'Find strength in grace—You need to pass the baton to the next runner'

- 2Ti 2:1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
2Ti 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

Timothy: 'Endure the hard times—Stay in the battle—Be a good soldier'

- 2Ti 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

Timothy: ‘Be totally focused—That’s God’s way—Think about it—It makes good sense’

2Ti 2:4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of *this* life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

2Ti 2:5 And if a man also strive for masteries, *yet* is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

2Ti 2:6 The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.

2Ti 2:7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.

Timothy: ‘Don’t ever forget resurrection—Be reminded that your Jesus is even now alive’

2Ti 2:8 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:

Timothy: ‘A preacher may end up bound—But no thing or nobody can bind God’s word’

2Ti 2:9 Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, *even* unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.

Timothy: ‘If we endure, God’s children get salvation for now—In addition to eternal life’

2Ti 2:10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect’s sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

Timothy: ‘Here is a word of comfort—Whether you preach or not—Eternal life is certain’

2Ti 2:11 *It is* a faithful saying: For if we be dead with *him*, we shall also live with *him*:

2Ti 2:12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with *him*: if we deny *him*, he also will deny us:

2Ti 2:13 If we believe not, *yet* he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

Timothy: ‘Focus on God’s word—And beware of men’s opinions and philosophies’

2Ti 2:14 Of these things put *them* in remembrance, charging *them* before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, *but* to the subverting of the hearers.

2Ti 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2Ti 2:16 But shun profane *and* vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

2Ti 2:17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;

2Ti 2:18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.

Timothy: ‘Here is the bottom-line truth of Christianity—And your reason to serve Christ’

2Ti 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

Timothy: ‘Some serve well—Others not so well—Set yourself apart—Serve your Master’

2Ti 2:20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

2Ti 2:21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master’s use, *and* prepared unto every good work.

Timothy: ‘There are things to flee—And things to follow’

2Ti 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

2Ti 2:23 But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.

Timothy: ‘Don’t be a fighter—But be a gentle patient teacher’

2Ti 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, patient,

Timothy: ‘By your meek teaching—God might turn those back who have turned away’

2Ti 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

Timothy: ‘Be reminded that their enemy is really real—A crafty hunter—Out to capture’

2Ti 2:26 And *that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Timothy: ‘Things are not going to get better—But worse’

2Ti 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

Timothy: ‘Let me tell you who you will face as you try to preach to people in the last days’

2Ti 3:2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

2Ti 3:3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

2Ti 3:4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

Timothy: ‘Let me tell you about false teachers who will deny God’s power in the last days’

2Ti 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

Timothy: ‘They will seduce people—Ever with some new thing—But never with the truth’

2Ti 3:6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

2Ti 3:7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Timothy: ‘As the magicians resisted Moses—Corrupt reprobates will resist the truth’

2Ti 3:8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

Timothy: ‘Find comfort—As God eventually shut down the magicians—So He will these’

2Ti 3:9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all *men*, as theirs also was.

Timothy: ‘I am your example—Both in a righteous walk—And in what you can expect’

2Ti 3:10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

2Ti 3:11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of *them* all the Lord delivered me.

Timothy: ‘As you continue—Expect it to be hard—And then expect it to get worse’

2Ti 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

2Ti 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

Timothy: ‘It is essential that you stick with what you know from God’s word’

2Ti 3:14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*;

2Ti 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

2Ti 3:16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2Ti 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Timothy: ‘In the Eternal Judge’s presence—I command you—Keep preaching the word’

2Ti 4:1 I charge *thee* therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

2Ti 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

Timothy: ‘In the last days, people will not want the sound doctrine of God’s truth’

2Ti 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

2Ti 4:4 And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

Timothy: ‘Be on guard—Keep on—Be far-reaching—Prove your love to your Master’

2Ti 4:5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

Timothy: ‘Here is my epitaph’ —(But I don’t guess Paul ever had a tombstone)

2Ti 4:6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

2Ti 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith:

2Ti 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing

Timothy: ‘Come see me’

2Ti 4:9 Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me:

Timothy: ‘I’m about out of friends—Luke is about it—Bring Mark—Come see me’

2Ti 4:10 For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

2Ti 4:11 Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

2Ti 4:12 And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus.

Timothy: ‘Come see me’

2Ti 4:13 The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring *with thee*, and the books, *but* especially the parchments.

Timothy: ‘Beware of the enemy’

2Ti 4:14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works:

2Ti 4:15 Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words.

Timothy: ‘Speaking of no friends—When I was tried by Caesar—Nobody stood by me’

2Ti 4:16 At my first answer no man stood with me, but all *men* forsook me: *I pray God* that it may not be laid to their charge.

Timothy: ‘As I preached to Caesar, God was there—He saved me from the lion (that time)’

2Ti 4:17 Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and *that* all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

Timothy: ‘That same God—Will soon deliver me from all evil—Through death to heaven’

2Ti 4:18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve *me* unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Timothy: 'Greet my friends'

2Ti 4:19 Salute Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.

2Ti 4:20 Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick.

Timothy: 'Come see me'

2Ti 4:21 Do thy diligence to come before winter. Eubulus greeteth thee, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brethren.

2Ti 4:22 The Lord Jesus Christ *be* with thy spirit. Grace *be* with you. Amen.

