INTRODUCTION

A. FINAL LETTERS: 1 TIMOTHY, TITUS, 2 TIMOTHY (62-64AD; the pastoral letters)

B. A HARD IMPRISONMENT (1:16; 2:9; 4:13; compare Acts 28:30)

C. AFTER RELEASE & FOURTH MISSIONARY JOURNEY (Rom.15:24,28; Phil.1:19,25; see 1Tim., Tt.)

D. IMMINENT DEPARTURE (4:6; see 2Pt.1:13f; Lk.9:31)

E. PAUL'S LAST WILL & TESTAMENT (2Tim.; 4:1f /Acts 20:25,38; 17f /Gen.48,49; Dt, Jsh23,24; 1Chr28,29; Jn14-16)

I. <u>RETROSPECTIVE TESTAMENT</u>

A. GOD'S APOSTLE; PREACHER, TEACHER (1:1,11; see 1Cor.1:1,etc.)

B. GENERATIONS OF GRACE (1:2,3; 5; 3:10,11; 4:22)

C. GOSPEL: GIFT OF SALVATION IN JESUS CHRIST (1:1,9-10,13; 2:1,8,10; 3:12,25; see Tt.2:14; 3:3-7)

D. ENTRUSTED (1:12,14; 2:2; see 1Tm.1:11,18; 6:20; Tt.1:3; see Rom.3:2; 1Cor.9:17; Gal.2:7; Mt.25:14f)

E. LEFT ALONE (1:15; 4:10-12,16,20; see Mt.26:31)

F. BROTHERLY COMFORT (1:16-18; 4:11,19)

G. THE WORD OF GOD IS NOT IMPRISONED (2:9; see 1Th.1:5f; note: Chao, RTF, China)

H. ENDURED ALL THINGS SO THAT GOD'S PEOPLE WILL BE SAVED (2:10f; 4:17; see 1Cor.9:22) I. PERSECUTED CONSTANTLY (3:10-12; see Acts 13-28; 2Cor.)

J. END OF THE FIGHT/RACE IS NEAR (4:6,7; 18a; see 1Tm.1:18; 6:12; 1Cor.9:25f; Heb.12:1f; see 2Pt.1:14f)

K. BEGINNING OF THE JOY IS AT HAND (4:8,18b; see Mt.25:21f; Acts 7:55f; Phil.1:23; 2Cor.5:8; Heb.12:23)

II. <u>PROSPECTIVE WILL</u>

A. KINDLE AFRESH YOUR GIFT & GRACES (1:6-8)

B. SUFFER FOR THE GOSPEL WITH POWER (1:8,12; 2:3,9)

C. SUFFER FOR THE GOSPEL WITH HOPE (1:8,12,16; 2:15)

D. HOLD IN TRUST (1:(12),13-14; 2:2; see 1Tm.1:11,18; 6:20)

E. STRONG & COURAGEOUS IN CHRIST (2:1 w/1:7 /Dt31:6,7,23; Jsh.1:6-8,18; 10:25 /Ps27:14; 31:24 /Eph6:10)

F. BE LIKE A SOLDIER, ATHLETE, FARMER (2:3-6; see 1Cor.9:7f,27)

G. REMEMBER & REMIND (2:8f,14f; see 2Pt.1:13f)

H. SOLEMN CHARGE (2:14; 4:1f; see 1Tm.5:21)

I. DILIGENCE IN WORD OF TRUTH VS. DISTRACTION IN DISPUTES (2:14-19; 22,23)

J. FLEE SIN-FOOLISHNESS & PURSUE RIGHTEOUSNESS-WISDOM: PREPARED (2:20-22; see 1:10; see Col.3:9,10; 5f,12f; etc.)

K. BE KIND TO ALL: GENTLENESS OF WISDOM (2:24f vs. 23,14f /Jms.3:13; 17,18 vs.14-16 /1Tm.3:1f)

L. DEVOTION TO SCRIPTURE FOR CONVERSION & CONDUCT: PREPARED (3:14-17 see 2:15f)

M. PROPHECY: IN THE LAST DAYS (3:1-9;12,13; 1Tm.4:1; see Acts 20:17f; Gen.49:1f)

N. CONTRASTING COMMANDMENT: PERSONAL (3:14-17; see 2:9; Rom.10:17; 1Th.1:5; 2:13; Heb.5:11f)

O. CONTRASTING COMMANDMENT: OFFICIAL (4:1-5; 1:6 /Ezk.2:5,7; 3:11,27 /solemn charge, 4:1; 2:14; 1Tm5:21)

P. REQUEST FOR VISIT (4:9,13,21; see Mt.25:36; Heb.13:3)

Q. BRING THE BOOKS (4:13; see Lk.4:17; 24:44)

R. BE ON GUARD (4:14,15; see 3:8; Acts 20:28; 2Pt.3:17)

S. GREETINGS BY NAME (4:19,21; etc.)

T. WRAPPED BY THE LORD'S GRACE (4:22; see 1:2; 4:18; Gal.3:3)

CONCLUSION: YOUR LAST WILL & TESTAMENT (2 Timothy; esp. 4:1f; see Acts 20:25,38; 17f; see Gen.48,49; Deut., Josh.23,24; 1Chr.28,29; *Jn.13*→14-16 with 1Cor.11:24f)

A. BELIEVE BIBLICAL TESTIMONY & OBEY BIBLICAL WILL (all above; see Ps.119)

B. TELL YOUR STORY TO THE PRAISE OF GOD (testimony above; see 4:18)

C. CHARGE HEIRS W/FINAL INSTRUCTIONS & SOLEMN CHARGE (*will above*; see 3:14f; see 4:1f; 2:14)

D. FOCUS ON THE LORD & HIS WORD (including gospel, church, victory; esp.3:14-4:8)

<u>Discussion question:</u> Brethren, `what shall <u>WE do</u>? (see Acts 2:37f)