

## Pastor Hank's Notes on: 2 Timothy



### The Book: 2 Timothy

**55th Book of The Bible, 4 Chapters, 83 Verses and 1,666 words.**

**Date Written: 67A.D.** The touching letter was written by Paul to his "dearly beloved son" shortly before his martyrdom (2 Timothy 4:6-8), and contains the last words of the great apostle Paul which inspiration has preserved. This is Paul's "Swan Song" before he was beheaded under the reign of Nero (according to Church History).

### 2 Timothy 4:6-8

<sup>6</sup>For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

<sup>7</sup>I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

<sup>8</sup>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.

**Second Timothy** was quoted by the **Early Church Fathers:** Clement of Rome (A.D. 95), Ignatius of Antioch (A.D. 112), Polycarp of Smyrna (A.D. 112), and Theophilus of Antioch (A.D. 180).

**Author: The Apostle Paul (Please see 1 Timothy Notes for Paul's Bible Biography)**

**Written to: Timothy, Pastor at The Church of Ephesus.**

**Life of Timothy:** Timothy was a native of Lycaonia. His father was a Greek, but his mother and grandmother were Jews, (2 Timothy 1:5). He was taught the scriptures from his very youth, (2 Timothy 3:15), and was probably converted during Paul's first visit to Lystra, (Acts 14:8-20). He was ordained as an evangelist (1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6), and, after Paul's second visit to Lystra, he spent most of his time with Paul, (Acts 16:1). He did much valuable service for Paul, and was greatly esteemed by him, (Acts 17:14; 18:5; 20:4; Romans 16:21; 1 Corinthians 4:17; 16:10). His name is associated with Paul in writing a number of letters, (2 Corinthians 1:1; Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:1). He was pastor at Ephesus and while there received these letters, (1 Timothy 1:3-4). Paul desired to have him with him when death came, (2 Timothy 4:9; 13, 21). Timothy was present with Paul on his second journey (Acts 16:2-4; Acts 17:14-15; Acts 18:5; 1 Thessalonians 1:1; 1 Thessalonians 3:2; 1 Thessalonians 3:6; 2 Thessalonians 1:1). On this trip he was sent back to Thessalonica to assist the new congregation in that town. He was with Paul

on his third missionary journey (Acts 19:22; Acts 2:4; 2 Corinthians 1:1; 2 Corinthians 1:19). During this trip Paul sent him to the Corinthians to give them additional instruction (1 Corinthians 4:17; 1 Corinthians 16:10). He was also with Paul in Corinth when the letter to the Romans was written (Romans 16:21). 7 During Paul's imprisonment in Rome, Timothy was a close companion (Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:1; Philemon 1:1). Paul was preparing to send him on a special mission to Philippi (Philippians 2:19-23). Sometime in his life Timothy was imprisoned but the time and place are not recorded (Hebrews 13:23).

**Background-Setting-About: The Second Letter to Timothy** offers a picture of Paul at the end of his ministry, just before his death. Certain personal details in the letter reveal a man settling his accounts and preparing for the inevitable. At the close of the letter, Paul mentioned a significant number of people—some who had wronged him and others who had served faithfully alongside him (2 Timothy 4:9–21). It is as if Paul were giving Timothy a “state of the church” address, updating Timothy on the current state of their acquaintances and friends so that the young pastor could carry on after Paul's departure.

**Theme:** An “Old Man of God” who knows he's going to be Martyred, encourages and gives the “Younger Man of God” godly advice! Paul encourages Timothy: “that thou stir up the gift of God”, 1:6, reminds him that God gives “of power, and of love, and of a sound mind”, 1:7, that he's not to be “ashamed” and that he'll suffer and “be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel”, 1:8, that he must “Hold fast the form of sound words”, 1:13-14, “be strong”, 2:1, “put them in remembrance”, 2:14, to “Study”, 2:15, “shun profane and vain babblings”, 2:16, “depart from iniquity”, 2:19, “Flee also youthful lusts” and “follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace”, 2:22, avoid “foolish and unlearned questions”, 2:23, “but be gentle unto all men” be “apt to teach” and be “patient”, 2:24, show “meekness”, 2:25, “That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works”, 3:17, “Preach”, 4:2, “watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry”, 4:5! Paul wanted to use his last words to encourage Timothy, and all other believers, to persevere in faith (2 Timothy 3:14) and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 4:2).

**Second Timothy** is the last of the Pauline Letters. As such it is of special interest not only because of what it reveals concerning the last days of Paul's life, but also because of what it reveals about its recipient.

The **Last Words** of people are particularly treasured by their loved ones. In 2 Timothy, we have the last known words to flow from the apostle's pen. In a very real way, this epistle represents Paul's last will and testament. If ever there was a time to set the record straight, it was then. If Paul was going to make any complaints, he would have to make them then, for he was at the end of his life. However, in this letter, there is not one word of apology, explanation, caution, or complaint. Paul used his last letter to deliver exhortations to his son in the faith, which in summary tell Timothy to “keep on keeping on” just as he had told him all along.

**Second Timothy** is more personal in tone than First Timothy and shows us how very pitiable was Paul's plight in his last days.

**Biblical Connected Theme:** Second Timothy (in common with Second Peter, Jude, and Second and Third John) which has to do with the personal walk and testimony of a true servant of Christ in a day of apostasy and declension.

**Key Verses:****2 Timothy 1:7**

<sup>7</sup> For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

**2 Timothy 1:15**

<sup>15</sup> This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia be turned away from me; of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.

**2 Timothy 2:15**

<sup>15</sup> Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

**2 Timothy 3:16-17**

<sup>16</sup> All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

<sup>17</sup> That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

**2 Timothy 4:2**

<sup>2</sup> Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.

**2 Timothy 4:7-8**

<sup>7</sup> I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

<sup>8</sup> 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.

**Practical Application for Timothy: "FULFILL YOUR MINISTRY!"**

Paul understood that the ministry would only become more difficult for Timothy with the apostle's impending death. Indeed, at some point after this letter from Paul, Timothy was imprisoned for his faith [Hebrews 13:23](#). Paul knew that Timothy's task of keeping the church within the bounds of sound doctrine while encouraging believers to live their lives well for the sake of Christ would be an often thankless and difficult task. Though hardship would come, Paul wanted Timothy to continue in those things he had learned, drawing on the rich heritage of faith that had been passed down to the young pastor, not just from Paul but also from his mother and grandmother ([2 Timothy 1:5–6](#); [3:14–15](#)).

**Practical Application for Us:** It is easy to get side-tracked in the Christian life. We have to keep our eyes on the prize—being rewarded in heaven by Jesus Christ ([2 Timothy 4:8](#)). We must strive to avoid both false doctrine and ungodly practices. This can only be accomplished by being grounded in our knowledge of God's Word and firm in our refusal to accept anything that is unbiblical.

**The Natural Divisions of Second Timothy:**

1. The Apostle's greeting, 1:1-18
2. The pathway of an approved servant in a day of apostasy 2:1-26
3. Apostasy and the Word, 3:1-17
4. A faithful servant and his faithful Lord, 4:1-22

## **QUICK OUTLINE OF SECOND TIMOTHY: INTRODUCTION (1:1-5)**

### **I. EXHORTATIONS TO STEADFAST SERVICE (1:6-2:26)**

- A. WITH ZEAL AND COURAGE (1:6-12)**
- B. WITH STEADFASTNESS AND LOYALTY (1:13-18)**
- C. TRANSMITTING THE TRUTH TO OTHERS (2:1-2)**
- D. ENDURING HARDSHIP (2:3-13)**
- E. DILIGENT AS A SERVANT OF THE LORD (2:14-26)**

### **II. EXHORTATIONS TO SOUND DOCTRINE (3:1-4:5)**

- A. IN VIEW OF PERILOUS TIMES TO COME (3:1-9)**
- B. REMEMBERING PAUL'S OWN EXAMPLE (3:10-13)**
- C. BY ABIDING IN THE SCRIPTURES (3:14-17)**
- D. BY PREACHING THE WORD (4:1-5)**

### **III. EXHORTATIONS TO COME QUICKLY (4:6-18)**

- A. PAUL'S END IS NEAR (4:6-8)**
- B. PAUL'S CIRCUMSTANCES AND REQUESTS (4:9-18)**

**Second Timothy Chapter 1 Outline:** A letter from Paul. A greeting and a happy remembrance, verses 1-5. Exhortations to Timothy: Remember, Stir up, Power, Love, Sound Mind, Don't be Ashamed, Sufferings-Afflictions, Hold Fast, Faith, verses 6-14. An example of unfaithful men, verse 15, An example of a faithful man, verses 16-18.

## **2 Timothy 1, A letter from Paul. A greeting and a happy remembrance, verses 1-5:**

### **Verse 1**

**1** Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,

**Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God...** Paul's introduction here is like his other letters, with an immediate recognition that he is an apostle according to the will of God, not according to the ambition or whim of man.

**an apostle ...** By this, Paul claims to have been as truly sent by Christ as were those who were apostles before him. The authority of Paul and the Twelve was plenary, nontransferable and perished from the earth in the death of those genuine apostles who, alone, held the office and exercised its authority. The term "apostle" means literally "one sent forth" or one sent on a mission.

**according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus...**The sentence of death is now hanging on Paul. So what's Paul talk about? **The promise of life which is in Christ Jesus.** Jesus said, "**And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.**" (Matthew 10:28). And so as Paul is writing with the sentence of death upon him, knowing that his execution is only a matter of time,

### **Verse 2**

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Timothy...** Timotheus the Greek form of the name of Timothy. Timothy is the English form. Timothy means: “honoring God”.

**my dearly beloved son...** Timothy was not the son of Paul in the flesh, but was his spiritual son. Timothy was really an extension of Paul's teaching. Of all the people that worked with Paul, he was his favorite.

**Grace, mercy and peace...** Paul’s familiar greeting that appears in all his epistles, but with the addition here of “**mercy**” as also found in **1 Timothy 1:1 and Titus 1:4**. When Paul wrote to churches, he just greeted them with grace and peace. To both Timothy and Titus he added “**mercy**” to the greeting.

**Grace, mercy, and peace meanings:**

**Grace**, the favor and approval of God.

**Mercy**, springing from that grace, pardoning, purifying, and supporting.

The difference between Grace and Mercy: Grace is getting what you don’t deserve, Mercy is not getting what we deserve.

**Peace**, the consequence of this manifested mercy, peace of conscience, and peace with God; producing internal happiness, quietness, and assurance.

Paul wishes for Timothy ‘grace, mercy and peace’, three words which sum up the Gospel. Grace signifies God’s undeserved love and compassion reaching out and active towards men. In the end all that is of God is of grace. Mercy indicates that a way has been made back to Himself through forgiveness, and that He continues unceasingly to look compassionately on His people. Peace indicates the reconciliation that Timothy is enjoying through Christ and the resulting peace of heart that he can enjoy.

**from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord...** As regularly in Paul’s writings. ‘God’ and ‘the Lord’ are seen as of equal status. What God the Father does, Christ Jesus our Lord does. What God the Father is, Christ Jesus our Lord is.

### **1 Corinthians 8:6**

6 But to us there is but **one God, the Father**, of whom are all things, and we in him; and **one Lord Jesus Christ**, by whom are all things, and we by him.

### **Verse 3**

<sup>3</sup>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;

**I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers...** The God whom Paul was serving was the same God that the patriarchs (Abraham, David...) had worshipped in ancient times.

**with pure conscience...** It is certain that Paul’s conscience was not always pure. At one time he was against The Gospel, against Jesus, against Christians, against The Church and consenting to the death of Stephen, but now through Jesus Christ he has a **pure conscience**.

**that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day...** “The apostle thanks God that he has constant remembrance of Timothy in his prayers. It is a very rare

thing now in the Christian Church, that a man particularly thanks God that he is enabled to pray for Others. And yet he that can do this most must have an increase of that brotherly love which the second greatest commandment of God requires: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. It is also a great blessing to be able to maintain the spirit of a pure friendship, especially through a considerable lapse of time and absence. He that can do so may well thank God that he is saved from that fickleness and unsteadiness of mind which are the bane of friendships, and the reproach of many once warm-hearted friends.” – Adam Clarke

#### Verse 4

<sup>4</sup> Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;

**Greatly desiring to see thee... Desiring means:** Yearning for one that is much missed. Because of Paul’s affection for Timothy and the urgency of the hour in Paul’s life, as he faced death, Paul had an intense yearning to see Timothy again. Paul, facing death, wanted to see his beloved Timothy one more time. Any parent, facing death of the body, longs to see their children one more time. He knew that to see Timothy would bring him great joy.

Do we greatly desire to see our Brothers and Sisters in The Lord?

**being mindful of thy tears...** Timothy cried at the afflictions and sufferings of the apostle, of which Timothy, being Paul’s companion, was an eyewitness and he being of a truly Christian sympathizing spirit, wept with those that wept; and Timothy wept at their parting from each other, as in Acts 20:37

#### Acts 20:37

<sup>37</sup> And they all **wept sore**, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him,

that I may be filled with joy... That a sight of his dearly beloved son Timothy would fill him with joy amidst all his troubles and afflictions he endured for the Gospel: this is an instance of hearty, sincere, and strong affection.

#### Verse 5

<sup>5</sup> 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.

**When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee...** It made Paul genuinely happy (filled with joy) to remember the faith of faithful men like Timothy, who loved and served Jesus and His people. Timothy’s genuine faith was due, in no small measure, to his godly upbringing and the influence of his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice.

**which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice...** Lois and Eunice are examples of the powerful influence a mother or grandmother can have on a young man’s life. Many personal testimonies include statements such as: “My mom (or grandma) took me to Church, taught me right, and prayed for me every day.” Paul recognized the life-changing contributions of these two women in a day when women were rarely mentioned by name. Lois and Eunice should encourage all Christian mothers and grandmothers, reminding them that their godly influence has an eternal impact on the lives and futures of their children and grandchildren.

**and I am persuaded that in thee also...** It wasn’t enough that this genuine faith was in Timothy’s grandmother and mother; it had to be in **Timothy also**. Our children, once of age to

be accountable before God, must have their own relationship with Jesus Christ. Mom and Dad's relationship with God will not then bring eternal life.

### **The Influence Of Godly Mothers:**

- 1. Godly mothers are women of sincere faith (2 Timothy 2:5).**
- 2. Godly mothers honor God's Word and train their children in it (2 Timothy 3:14-17).**
- 3. A Godly mother must herself grow in God's Word.**
- 4. A GODLY MOTHER WILL USE GOD'S WORD TO LEAD HER CHILDREN TO SAVING FAITH IN CHRIST.**
- 5. A GODLY MOTHER WILL TRAIN HER CHILDREN IN HOW TO LIVE BY GOD'S WORD.**

### **2 Timothy 3:15**

<sup>15</sup> 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.

### **6. Godly mothers are a Praying mothers!**

Many people have been richly blessed by what they learned at their mother's knee. Consider John and Charles Wesley. Their names would probably never have lighted the pages of history if it hadn't been for their godly mother who taught them that the law of love and Christian witness was to be their daily guide.

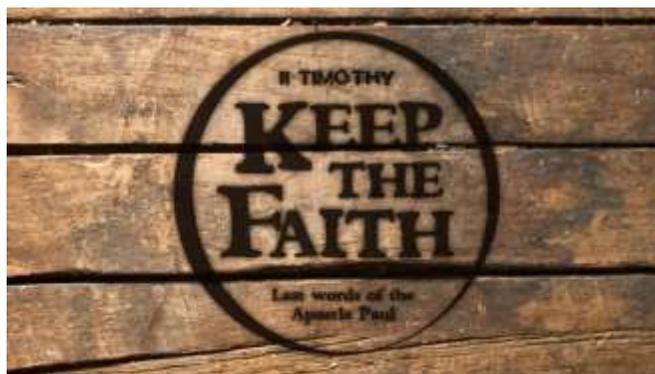
Susannah Wesley, who gave birth to 19 children, spent one hour each day praying for them. In addition, she took each child aside for a full hour every week to discuss spiritual matters with him or her. No wonder John and Charles were used of God to bring blessing around the world.

### **7. Godly mothers have great influence on their children.**

"When all is said, it is the mother, and the mother only, who is a better citizen than the soldier who fights for his country. The successful mother, the mother who does her part in rearing and training aright the boys and girls who are to be the men and women of the next generation, is of greater use to the community, and occupies, if she only would realize it, a more honorable as well as more important position than any man in it. The mother is the one supreme asset of the national life. She is more important, by far, than the successful statesman, or businessman, or artist, or scientist" - President Theodore Roosevelt



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Exhortations to Timothy: Remember, Stir up, Power, Love, Sound Mind, Don't be Ashamed, Sufferings-Afflictions, Hold Fast, Faith, verses 6-14:

### Verse 6

<sup>6</sup>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.

**Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God...** Here we see an observation that Paul reminds Timothy. Timothy was gifted, valuable man for the kingdom of God; but he seems to have had a timid streak in him. For this reason, Paul often encouraged him to be strong and bold. On the other hand, we get the sense Paul was a man of deep love, but also a man who never shied away from confrontation. A significant example was when he publicly rebuked the Apostle Peter (Galatians 2:11-21). Timothy already had a shepherd's tender heart for the sheep; Paul wanted to develop within him the boldness necessary to really lead and protect the flock.

**that thou stir up the gift of God...** Timothy could not be passive, and just let it all happen; he needed to be bold and to stir up the gift of God which is in you. God may have gifted a person, but just because someone has certain gifts does not mean that they are being used for His glory and Kingdom. Many gifts need to be stirred up. Some are waiting passively for God to use them; but God is waiting for them to stir up the gifts that are within them! Some are waiting for some dramatic new anointing from God, and God is waiting for them to stir up what He has already given!

**Stir up:** This has the idea of stirring up a fire to keep it burning bright and strong; a fire left to itself will always burn out, but God wants us to keep our gifts burning strong for Him.

**which is in thee by the putting on of my hands...** God used the laying on of hands to communicate spiritual gifts to Timothy. This is not the only way God gives gifts, but it is a

common way – and means we should never neglect. It is a good thing to have others pray for us and as that God would give us gifts that might be used to bless and build up the family of God.



### Verse 7

<sup>7</sup> For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

**For God hath not given us the spirit of fear...** Paul saw the timidness that was in Timothy; Timothy knew the fear he sometimes felt. God wanted Timothy to know that this fear wasn't from the God he served; God has not given us a spirit of fear.

**spirit of fear...** Denotes a cowardly, shameful fear caused by a weak, selfish character.

The threat of Roman persecution, which was escalating under Nero, the hostility of those in the Ephesian church who resented Timothy's leadership, and the assaults of false teachers with their sophisticated systems of deceptions may have been overwhelming Timothy. But if he was fearful, it didn't come from God.

**but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind...** The second step in dealing with such fears is understanding what God has given us **a spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**

God has given us a spirit of power. When we do His work, proclaim His word, represent His kingdom, we have all His power supporting us. We are safe in His hands.

**Love...** This tells us a lot about the power He has given us. Many think of power in terms of how much we can control others; but Jesus' power is expressed in how much we can **love!**

One of the fruit of the Spirit!

### Galatians 5:22-23

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is **love**, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

<sup>23</sup> Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

**Love** = an intense feeling of deep affection. Love to God and to the souls of men.

**sound mind...** Refers to a self-controlled and properly prioritized mind. This is the opposite of fear and cowardice that causes disorder and confusion.

**A sound mind is opposed...**

1. It is opposed to **madness**; as where the demoniac was found sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind.
2. Soundness of mind is opposed to gullibility.
3. Soundness of mind is opposed to superstition.
4. Soundness of mind is opposed to enthusiasm. An enthusiast entertains lofty notions of himself, and degrading conceptions of God.
5. Soundness of mind is opposed to skepticism.
6. Soundness of mind is opposed to insensibility, or indifference to The Gospel.

The Power and Love will work only if you have SOUND MIND!

**Verse 8**

<sup>8</sup> 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;

**Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord...** Either the testimony of Christ himself; who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; or that testimony which thou art obliged to give, for the ministers of Christ are to be witnesses unto him, Acts 1:8.

**Acts 1:8**

<sup>8</sup> But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

**Romans 1:16**

<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Paul knew that the plan of God in Jesus Christ seemed foolish to many; but he also knew it was the living, active, power of God to save souls and transform lives. Paul would not be ashamed of it, and neither should Timothy – or us today!

To live **unashamed** of the gospel means we proclaim it, but it also means we apply it to our lives and show we believe it. Paul's life choices supported his message. He did not preach one thing and live another. We are "ashamed of the gospel" when we allow sin in our lives to go unchecked...

**nor of me his prisoner...** If Timothy took the courage God gave, he would not be ashamed of Paul the prisoner. It wasn't easy to support an imprisoned apostle. Who wants to support someone locked up and in jail?

**nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God...** Being linked to Paul, who was a prisoner because of his preaching of the

gospel, could have put Timothy's life and freedom in jeopardy. We call this "guilty by association".

### Verse 9

<sup>9</sup>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,

**Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works...** We come to God as a response to His call in our lives. We did not initiate the search; we do not find God, He finds us; so we must respond to His call when we sense it.

**but according to his own purpose and grace...** This explains why God called us. It wasn't anything great we were, or anything great we had done, but because it fit in with His **purpose** – because He wanted to.

**which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began...** God directed His gracious work towards us when we only existed as a fact in God's knowledge. Just as a couple lovingly plans for a baby before the baby is born, so God planned for us.

**before the world began...** Reminds us that time is something God created to give order and arrangement to our present world; time is not essential to God's existence. He existed before time was created, and will remain when time is ended – and we live on in eternity with Him.

### Verse 10

<sup>10</sup>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:

**But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ...** The appearing of Jesus revealed the purpose and grace of God. Jesus fulfilled the eternal plan of God; Jesus truly shows us what God and His plan are all about.

**who hath abolished death...** Because of the appearing of Jesus, death isn't death anymore. Death does not take anything from the Christian; it graduates them to glory. The Christian gospel indeed robbed death of its terrors and enabled the Christian to face it with sanity, composure and hope.

**and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel...** Christ was the first that rose again from the dead to an immortal life; the path of life was first shown to him, and brought to light by him; and though the doctrine of the resurrection of the dead was known by the Old Testament saints, yet not so clearly as it is now revealed in the Gospel; and in which is so fully attested the resurrection of Christ, and of many of the saints with him, as well as the general resurrection at the last day: and besides, eternal life, which is the free gift of God, lay hid in his purpose, promise, and covenant, and in his Son Jesus Christ, into whose hands it was put; and which he has brought to light in a more clear manner than ever it was before; by his appearance in human nature, by his personal ministry, by his death and resurrection from the dead, and through the Gospel, as preached by his ministers; which gives an account of the nature of it, shows the way unto it, and points out and describes the persons that shall enjoy it.

**Immortality** = The ability to live forever; eternal life.

The good news of who Jesus is and what He did for us presents a beautiful chain of God's work.

- God's plan of salvation began for us in eternity past, **before time began**.
- It continued with the **appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ**.
- It came to us when He **saved us and called us**.
- It continues as we live our **holy calling**.
- It will one day show itself in **immortality** – eternal life.

### Verse 11

<sup>11</sup> Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

Flashing through his mind were the sermons he preached (**a preacher**), the churches he founded and led (**an apostle**), and the diverse nations he brought to Jesus Christ (**a teacher of the Gentiles**). He no doubt thanked Jesus as he considered each one.

### Verse 12

<sup>12</sup> 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.

**For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed...** We can almost sense Paul growing in strength as he penned these words; he understood again that it was a privilege to suffer for such a great gospel – so far from being ashamed, he was honored.

Jesus left no question about it when He called Paul. He told him he would suffer for the gospel:

### Acts 9:16

<sup>16</sup> For I will shew him how great things he must **suffer** for my name's sake.

To suffer for Christ, brings great rewards in heaven:

### Romans 8:17

<sup>17</sup> And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

**for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded...** This explains why Paul was so bold in his work, and how he could feel honored by circumstances that might make others feel ashamed. He said that it was because I know whom I have believed. Paul knew the God he trusted and served. We must know *what* we believe; but it is even more important to know **whom** we believe. When we know how great God is; when God and His glory becomes the great fact of our lives, then we have real boldness.

“‘Know thyself,’ said the heathen philosopher; that is well, but that knowledge may only lead a man to hell. ‘Know Christ,’ says the Christian philosopher, ‘know him, and then you shall know yourself,’ and this shall certainly lead you to heaven, for the knowledge of Christ Jesus is saving knowledge.” - Charles Spurgeon

**that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day...** This is a second reason that explains Paul's boldness. Paul gave Jesus his life, and knew Jesus was fully able to keep it!

What was it that Paul **committed to Him**? Surely, he first had in mind *his life*. Paul knew he could not keep his own life; he knew that only God could keep it. God was able; Paul was not. Knowing this made Paul full of boldness, but it wasn't boldness in self, but in God.

But it wasn't *only* his life that Paul had **committed** to God. Paul had committed everything to Jesus – his life, his body, his character and reputation, his life's work, everything that was precious.

**Until that Day**: Paul had in mind either the **Day** he would see Jesus or the **Day** Jesus came for Paul. Paul and Timothy both lived in such awareness of **that Day** that Paul didn't need to identify it more than that.

**That Day** was precious to Paul because he had committed everything to Jesus. To the degree we commit our life and all we are and have to Jesus, to that same degree **that Day** will be precious to us.

REDEMPTION IN CHRIST

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... Jesus I have known I have believed ... 1 Tim. 1:12

1. I know not why God's won-drous grace to me he hath made known,  
 2. I know not how this sav-ing faith to me he did im-part,  
 3. I know not how the Spir-it moves, con-vinc-ing us of sin,  
 4. I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noon-day fair,

nor why, un-wor-thy, Christ in love re-deemed me for his own.  
 nor how be-liev-ing in his Word wrought peace with-in my heart.  
 re-veal-ing Je-sus through the Word, cre-at-ing faith in him.  
 nor if I'll walk the vale with him, or "meet him in the air."

*Refrain*  
 But "I know whom I have be-liev-ed, and am pre-sued-ed that he is

a-ble to keep that which I've com-mit-ted un-to him a-gainst that day."

WORDS: Isaac W. Whittle, 1861  
 M.S. 100: James M. Chewter, 1861

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 C. M. Bell

### Verse 13

<sup>13</sup> Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

**Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me...** After writing of the importance of boldness, Paul next called Timothy (and all godly ministers) to be faithful to God's truth, **the form of sound words**.

**Hold fast** suggests someone or something would try to take the truth from Timothy. Unless he held on in faithfulness, it would be snatched from him.

It takes a special Christian to truly **hold fast**:

### Ephesians 4:14-15

<sup>14</sup> That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

<sup>15</sup> But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

This is an important measure for any pastor; he must **hold fast the form of sound words**. The primary measure should not be humor or excitement or personality or charisma or even evangelistic interest.

**The form of sound words...** This suggests that true teaching, according to God's truth, has a certain *form/pattern* – a **form/pattern** that can be detected by the discerning heart.

**which thou hast heard of me ...** The sound words Timothy was to hold fast came to him from a man – Paul the apostle. God used human instruments to communicate His eternal truth.

**in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus...** Timothy's faithfulness has to be tempered with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. Some people take God's word and consider it only an intellectual matter, and leave out faith and love.

Faith and love describe how the truth is to be held. We hold it in faith, truly believing it and putting our lives on it; and we hold it in love, not in proud arrogance or self-seeking superiority.

If one thinks they are faithful to the truth, but do not show faith and love in the life, they may be nothing more than a Pharisee.

### Verse 14

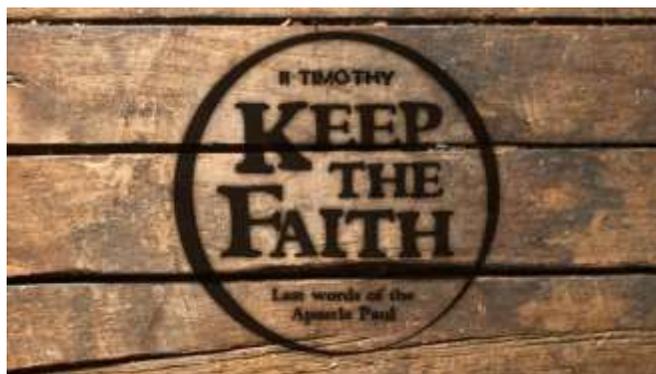
<sup>14</sup> That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.

Timothy had something **committed** to him – Paul called it **that good thing**, no doubt meaning the gospel and the truth of God. Timothy needed *faithfulness* to **keep** that good thing.

God has committed many good things to us; will we be faithful and **keep** them? **Keep** has more than just the idea of holding on to something; it also means to guard it and to use it wisely. God has given us His Word, family relationships, time, talents, resources, education, and so on. We must be faithful to keep those good things in a way that brings glory and credit to Jesus.

God is faithful with what we commit to Him. **Will we be faithful with what He has committed to us?**

## Pastor Hank's Notes on: 2 Timothy



**Second Timothy Chapter 1 Outline:** A letter from Paul. A greeting and a happy remembrance, verses 1-5. Exhortations to Timothy: Remember, Stir up, Power, Love, Sound Mind, Don't be Ashamed, Sufferings-Afflictions, Hold Fast, Faith, verses 6-14. An example of unfaithful men, verse 15, An example of a faithful man, verses 16-18.

### An example of unfaithful men, verse 15:

#### Verse 15

<sup>15</sup>This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia be turned away from me; of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.

**that all they which are in Asia...** Modern Turkey

**This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia be turned away from me...** The great apostle Paul, at the end of his days and a fantastic missionary career, was almost all alone. He was not praised by the world, or even regarded much among other Christians...



Unlike...

José Luis de Jesús Miranda (April 22, 1946 – November 17, 2013) was the leader of the Creciendo en Gracia sect, based in Miami, Florida. He claimed to be both the returned phase of Jesus Christ and the Antichrist; he was known for making statements that opposed the precepts of the Roman Catholic Church but that followed his interpretation of the Bible. He was previously known as el Jesucristo Hombre (which translates, roughly, to "the Man Jesus-Christ")

but shortly after his death, his followers granted him the **title of Melchizedek** because, as stated by his official site, he attained his new and final name which means king of justice and king of peace. Mrianda died in Sugar Land, Texas on August 8, 2013, apparently of cirrhosis of the liver. His followers have refused to confirm his death, however. One follower stated that “His days will not end. He is here to reign, govern and pretty soon, he will bring change to all nations. We’re all waiting for the word in the scriptures to become a reality because as the church we will be transformed and be made like the glorious one whose days will never end...”

**Phygellus and Hermogenes...** Nothing else is known about these two men, who apparently had shown promise as leaders, had been close to Paul, and were well known among the Asian churches, but deserted Paul under the pressure of persecution. This is the only place they are mentioned in the Bible. It’s a terrible thing to have your name recorded in God’s word as an example of unfaithfulness.

**Phygellus and Hermogenes** were not the only ones, but Paul found it necessary to point out Phygellus and Hermogenes particularly: “He names two of the deserters – probably the best known – in order to put a stop to these slanderous attacks. For it usually happens that deserters from the Christian warfare seek to excuse their own disgraceful conduct by inventing whatever accusations they can against faithful and upright ministers of the gospel.” – John Calvin

**The Apostle John had this problem as well...**

### **3 John 9**

<sup>9</sup>I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.

**David had this problem as well...**

### **Psalms 55:12-14**

<sup>12</sup>For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him:

<sup>13</sup>But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance.

<sup>14</sup>We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company.

**Individuals can betray Christianity...**

### **James 1:26**

<sup>26</sup>If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

**Betrayal is a Sign of The End Times...**

### **Romans 1:30**

<sup>30</sup>**Backbiters**, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

Backbiters = Backstabber

**Jesus had this problem as well...**

**Matthew 26:14-16**

<sup>14</sup> Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests,

<sup>15</sup> And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.

<sup>16</sup> And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.

**An example of a faithful man, verses 16-18:****Verse 16**

<sup>16</sup> The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain:

**Onesiphorus...** Was a different sort of man than Phygellus and Hermogenes; **Onesiphorus** was faithful to Paul in difficult circumstances. Paul therefore prayed for mercy on Onesiphorus and his whole household.

We don't know much about Onesiphorus, other than that he lived near Timothy, because at the end of the letter Paul asked Timothy to greet Onesiphorus' household.

**Verse 17**

<sup>17</sup> But, when he was in Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found me.

**Onesiphorus** was perhaps on a business trip, and the text implies that his search involved time, effort, and possibly even danger.

These two passages convey all we know about Onesiphorus's background: 1) he was from Ephesus, where Paul had founded a church (Acts 19:1–10); 2) his whole family were believers; and 3) in Ephesus, he had helped Paul **“for he oft refreshed me.”**

He had gone to the trouble to look up Paul and help him. The very diligently would make you believe, it was not easy to get in to see Paul.

**Onesiphorus:** Paul described many things that made him special:

**1. he oft refreshed me:** He was an intentional blessing to Paul, and worked to refresh the apostle who did so much for other people.

**2. was not ashamed of my chain:** Onesiphorus showed himself to be a true friend of Paul when the apostle was imprisoned.

**3. he sought me out very diligently, and found me:** There were many prisons in Rome, so it was probably difficult for Onesiphorus to find Paul, but he did.

Probably, Onesiphorus considered that he owed Paul a great debt. The church in Ephesus was a product of Paul's third missionary journey. If not for Paul's faithfulness in preaching the Word of God, Onesiphorus and his family would not have heard the gospel. In gratitude to the one who first told him of Christ, Onesiphorus determined to be a blessing to Paul.

### Verse 18

<sup>18</sup>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.

**The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day...** This was a special prayer for **Onesiphorus**. If a faithful servant like **Onesiphorus** needed such a prayer, then all the more do the rest of us.

**thou knowest very well...** Apparently, Onesiphorus' service was so faithful, so outstanding, that it was famous – Paul could simply tell Timothy, “**You know very well**” how well he served.

**Onesiphorus** lived up to the meaning of his name, which means “**help-bringer**”.

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### 2 Timothy Chapter 2

**Transmit the truth to others, verses 1-2:**

#### Verse 1

**1** Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

**Be strong...** This was an important encouragement. Paul knew that Timothy would need strength and endurance to fulfill the calling God gave him.

**Be strong...** Again, this is one of the twenty-five times Paul encouraged Timothy to be strong and endure in his work in Ephesus. It seems that Timothy was naturally timid and easily discouraged so he needed to be told often, “**Be strong.**”

**Be strong...** God is always there to give us strength:

### Isaiah 40:29-31

<sup>29</sup>He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

<sup>30</sup>Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

<sup>31</sup>But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

However, we must receive this strength, therefore Paul had to encourage Timothy to **be strong**.

God makes the resource of His strength available to us:

### **Ephesians 6:10-11**

<sup>10</sup>Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

<sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

**be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus...** Paul told Timothy a *specific way to be strong* – that is, to **be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus**. This strength in grace is essential for a strong Christian life.

**Grace** here has its simplest theological meaning, as the divine help, the unmerited gift of assistance that comes from God. Resting in the **grace** – the *unmerited favor of God towards us that is in Christ Jesus* – gives a confidence and boldness we could never have on our own. It is not in our strength that we do anything; it is in the strength of the Lord. In our weakness, He is strong.

There is nothing that can makes us as strong as saying, “I am a child of God in Jesus Christ” and “I have the love and favor of God even though I don’t deserve it.” That is the strength that comes by grace.

Paul knew what it was like to receive the strength of God’s grace, as he explained in 2 Corinthians 12:9-10:

### **2 Corinthians 12:9-10**

<sup>9</sup>And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

<sup>10</sup>Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ’s sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

He could encourage Timothy like this from his own life experience.

### **Verse 2**

<sup>2</sup>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.

**And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses...** Paul reminded Timothy of the body of truth that he had heard from the Apostle in the presence of many others. Certainly, Timothy heard many Bible studies from Paul, and shared much time with the Apostle in personal discipleship. During Timothy’s many years of close association with Paul, he had heard divine truth which God had revealed through the apostle.

**many witnesses...** Such as Silas, Barnabas, Luke, and many others in the churches who could attest to the divine authenticity of Paul’s teaching, a needed reminder to Timothy in light of the many defections at Ephesus (1:15).

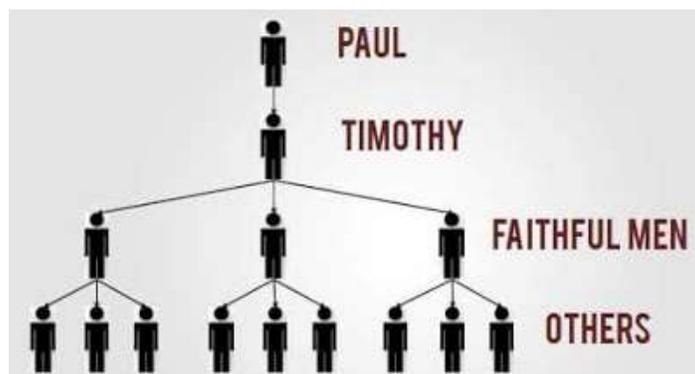
Timothy was to take the divine revelation he had learned from Paul and teach it to other faithful men, men with proven spiritual character and giftedness, who would in turn pass on those truths to another generation.

**the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also...** From Paul to Timothy to faithful men to others encompasses 4 generations of godly leaders. That process of spiritual reproduction, which began in the early church, is to continue until the Lord returns.

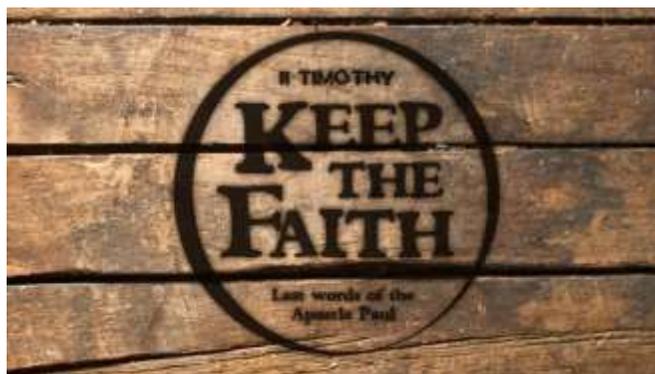
It seems to me, that Paul is more concerned about the work being carried on after his death, than he is of dying. He is also, very concerned that they do not teach another gospel, than the gospel that he had taught. Paul knows that Timothy will bring what he has taught him.

He is telling Timothy to seek out Lay Ministers that had begun under his ministry, and encourage them to teach the pure gospel that he had brought. Paul was afraid that many of the doctrines would be affected too badly by the customs of the people who they were ministering to. Paul felt that his converts would follow his teachings better, when they were teaching others.

**Paul=Timothy=Faithful Men=Others**



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### 2 Timothy Chapter 2

**Timothy: Endure Hardship as a Soldier, Athlete and Famer, verses 3-7:**

#### Verse 3

<sup>3</sup>Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

**Thou therefore...** This was not a suggestion from Paul to Timothy; this carries the sense of a requirement or a command. There was something that Timothy had to do, and Paul would tell him to do it.

**endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ...** Timothy must take the attitude of soldier who expects to endure hardship for their cause. No real soldier – or at least no good soldier – ever gave up simply because some hardship came to them.

#### Verse 4

<sup>4</sup>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.

**No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life...** Timothy must take the attitude of a soldier, who willingly detaches himself from the things of civilian life.

A soldier has to give up many things. Some of them are bad things (pride, independence, self-will), and some of them are good things (his home, his family). Nevertheless, if a soldier is not willing to give up these things, he is not a soldier at all.

**that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier...** If Timothy did not endure hardship and if he did not put away the things that entangled him in the affairs of this life, he would not be pleasing to his Commanding Officer.

From Pastor Hanks sermon: “Being a Good Soldier for Jesus Christ” November 2015:

**Jesus Christ** is the commander of all heaven's armies. In Joshua 5, Jesus appeared to Joshua as Commander of the army of the Lord (Joshua 5:14). He is our Commanding Officer, and we owe total obedience to Him as such.

Now Paul here in 2 Timothy chapter 2 loved Timothy. In some ways Timothy was his successor. Timothy was certainly his "son" in the faith. Writing to him in 2 Timothy 2:2-4 describes to Timothy the example of what Timothy is to be. That he's a soldier. He is to be a soldier of Christ rather than of Rome; and he clearly saw the soldier as a good example of honor and devotion.

The apostle Paul had a lifelong contact with the Roman army. He was a Roman citizen and very patriotic; and his admiration of the fighting forces of Rome was great.

The Roman army was at its peak of efficiency during the early Christian era. It served as a Police Force and Frontier Guard over all of Europe, parts of Asia and North Africa.

Paul had many dealings with Roman Soldiers:

A Roman soldier delivered Paul from the mob in Ephesus.

Roman soldiers saved his life when the mob in Jerusalem wanted to kill him in the temple area.

The Roman soldiers were able to deliver Paul out of Jerusalem from the hands of the religious leaders who wanted him dead, and they brought him safely to Caesarea.

It was Roman soldiers who escorted Paul on the trip from Caesarea to Rome, the voyage on which Paul suffered shipwreck.

Roman soldiers delivered Paul to the Roman garrison of the Praetorian Guard for his imprisonment.

Paul wrote the epistle to the Ephesians during the period of his house arrest in Rome while he was guarded by a centurion of the Praetorian Guard. Paul witnessed to many guards during his two years under house arrest; and as these men were posted to other countries, they carried the gospel with them. Paul and Peter recognized the mission field of the military and understood very well God's plan in having him in Rome under these conditions.

Remember Cornelius the Centurion? He was from the Italian Band, and that's one way the Gospel spread!

And Paul uses Military terms here and throughout his Books in The Bible.

In **1 Corinthians 14:8** he writes:

8 For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?

And we know the importance of a Trumpet. You have to know based on sound whether you're charging or retreating.

And when God His people at the Rapture we're gonna recognize that Trumpet! We going up to gather! **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17** says:

<sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

<sup>17</sup> Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

That's where we join God's Army in Heaven and then we're Charging and defeating The Devil and his armies on White Horses!

### **Revelation 19:14-16**

<sup>14</sup> And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

<sup>15</sup> And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

<sup>16</sup> And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

“Being a Good Soldier for Jesus Christ” and what it takes to be a *Soldier in The Army of God while we’re here on Earth!*

1. The First thing a Soldier needs to learn is Hardness.

Look at verse 3:

<sup>3</sup>Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

Webster defines Hardness as: severe labor, trials or sufferings.

And Paul knew what a Roman Soldier had to endure. First they had endure training.

The first skill taught was marching, Roman recruits had to march 20 miles every morning, sunny, raining or snowing, with at least 66 pounds of equipment in less than 5 hours, this was made so the marching legion wasn't vulnerable to attack due to some soldiers getting behind. The second skill was the sword, Romans practiced with wooden swords and shields twice as heavy as the real ones against a wooden stake, the recruit had to be fast and accurate with the sword before moving to the next stage which was 1 vs. 1 fighting with wooden replicas, but this time the replicas had the same weight as the normal equipment.

After that they were taught by repetition the abilities of swimming and horseback riding.

Finally, some recruits were chosen to be taught bow and arrow skills.

Veterans had to go through Boot Camp. 9 weeks of Running, Marching, Personal Hygiene and keeping the Barracks Clean. Equipment training, Class Training & Saluting Properly, just to name a few. Currently about 10-14 percent of New Enlistees fail Boot Camp.

Soldiers often go without water, food, sleep, medical treatment, not seeing their family, not to mention other unimaginable hardships. Sacrifice is the major hardship for the soldier.

And Paul can write about this because he'd endured many Hardships!

### **He Testified of them in 2 Corinthians 11:24-27**

<sup>24</sup> Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.

<sup>25</sup> Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;

<sup>26</sup> In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

<sup>27</sup> In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

And us Christians must understand that being a Christian isn't a Cake Walk, it's a life full of Hardships...

And the Christian needs strong muscles—spiritual muscles. A Christian needs to train like a Soldier. A Christian needs to read his Bible, a Christian ought to Pray often, a Christian needs to be Faithful in Church Attendance, and if a Christian becomes weak and lazy then The Devil is gonna defeat you!

A Christian will experience: Rejection from his friends, rejection from this World, rejection from his Family.

You will be Persecuted and Discriminated against because of your Faith.

### **Paul said in 2 Timothy 3:12**

<sup>12</sup> Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

**2.** After the Training then it's off to War for the soldier.

Look at verse 4:

<sup>4</sup> 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.

There are two basic reasons why we have soldiers. One is to prevent, or be ready in case of war, and the second is because there is a war going on. In our case, there is a war going on.

The Christian is in a War, and God's given us the Equipment to fight!

### **Ephesians 6:10-18**

<sup>10</sup> Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

- The Christian gets his Strength from The Lord.

<sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

-The Christian gets his Equipment from The Lord. And you notice we're to put it on! But Sadly many Christians leave the Equipment that God has given them in the closet. They think they'll look funny, or they'll complain that it's too heavy or they don't want to use it because they're afraid of The Devil or maybe they're just plain lazy...

<sup>12</sup> For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

- Principalities: That's the Gov't, and sadly many Gov'ts are against Christianity.

-Against Powers: That's Delegated Authority, that's anyone who has Authority over you. Your Boss, your Teacher...

- Against Rulers of the Darkness: Those are the "ism's" of the World. Atheism, Communism, Evolutionism, Humanism... And all these "ism's" deny God and are designed to keep you in Darkness.

- Against Spiritual Wickedness in High Places: That's Demonic activity and The Bible says their LEGION!

And a lost World has allowed Demonic Activity to rule this World.

The Bible says what? That Satan is the god of this World!

And that's why we need to be wearing that Armour!

We're not in Friendly Territory, You will be fired upon.

Verse 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

And now we see the individual Pieces that make up The Armour of God:

<sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

- Loins girt about with Truth: That Loin Cloth was extra fabric which covered your private area of your body from your waist to your knees. That's the reproductive area for us Humans and when you have the Truth, don't you want to multiply it?

- Then you have The Breastplate of Righteousness: The Breastplate covers all the vital organs; the Heart, the Lungs. And the Heart is Physical, but our Emotional Heart needs protection as well!

Then we're to protect our feet, look at verse 15:

<sup>15</sup> And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

- A Good Soldier and a Good Army fights and marches best when they have a Good Boots.

And when a Christian is spreading the Gospel, he better have a Good pair of Boots!

Then we're to Carry a Shield, look at verse 16:

<sup>16</sup> Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

And The Devil is always shooting darts at you. Did you know that a typical Roman Shield can absorb about 200 darts!

That's why today's Army and even the Police wear Bullet Proof vests.

Then you have the Helmet of Salvation, look at verse 17:

<sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

- That's why just about all your Sports Players wear a Helmet; in the NYPD we had Riot Helmets. All's it takes is one rock or a bottle to hit you in the head and you're not wearing a Helmet, then you're out!

And finally you have The Sword of the Spirit. It's the Word of God. And we need to know how to use it. Fencers practice for hours to prepare against the competition, the Roman Soldiers practiced with their Swords,

And Christians need to Practicing! A Christian ought to be reading our Bibles every day, and when you read it every day, you'll discover what a Wonderful Book He has given us!

You should always have a Bible on you!

And Paul concludes, verse 18:

<sup>18</sup> Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

And if you've got The Whole Armour of God on and you're not Praying, you know what's gonna happen? You'll get beat up every time by the Devil and the World!

You've got to Endure Hardness as a Soldier; As a Soldier God's given you the Training and Equipment,

Now Paul gives the Soldier a Warning here in verse 4 of 2 Timothy chapter 2, verse 4 says:

<sup>4</sup>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.

### 3. The Warning is about Entangling One's self.

Entangling means: ensnaring, interweaving or interlocking in confusion.

And what do we ensnare ourselves with? Ans. - verse 4: "with the affairs of this life".

Things like Sports, TV, Jobs, Possessions, Money, Music, Dating, Games, Entertainment, Education, Hobbies, have become our idols. These are the things of this world that we have been distracted with.

Affairs are Matters of personal concern, and if you're entangled yourself with a matter of personal concern, that's why when you're cheating on your Spouse they call it an "Affair" and you chose those affairs over God and you spend more time with it than the things of God or you love it more than God, then you're a AWOL Soldier. Did you know that you can be discharged from the Military for committing adultery; **an affair?**

And when you're a Soldier, you're not a Citizen anymore.

This is a condition in becoming a soldier. He gives up his business during the time for which he is enlisted as a Soldier and devotes himself to the service of his country. The farmer leaves his Farm, and the mechanic his shop, and the merchant his store, and the student his books, and they become and remain a Soldier.

And when one becomes a Christian, he automatically enlisted into the Army of God, and he leaves the affairs of life!

And I'd like to conclude with a few tips on Keeping your Morale up and Being a Good Soldier in God's Army.

**1.** Keep up the Training. Don't get out of shape and forget your Training.

### **2 Timothy 2:15**

<sup>15</sup>Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

You gotta Study and Work at it, and your approval comes from God, not man.

**2.** Don't forget who the Ranking Officer is: Jesus Christ!

### **Hebrews 2:10 says:**

<sup>10</sup>For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the **captain** of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

The Lord's our Captain! We're just a Private in His Army!

**3.** Work together with fellow Soldiers. Paul mentions this in:

### **Philippians 2:25**

<sup>25</sup>Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.

In the Military they call it the... "Buddy System". The buddy system is a practice in which two people, the "buddies", operate together as a single unit so that they are able to monitor and help each other.

The buddy system is used in the United States Armed Forces, and referred to by various names in each branch ("Wingmen" in the Air Force, "Battle Buddies" in the Army, "Shipmates" in the Navy), as well as The Boy Scouts of America.

4. And lastly, I know even Good Soldiers get tired and discouraged, but don't forget; The Lord's there with you!

**Romans 8:35**

<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

I found this on the internet, it's entitled: "I am a Soldier"

"I Am a Soldier"

I am a soldier, a prayer warrior, of the army of my God.

The Lord Jesus Christ is my Commanding Officer.

The Holy Bible is my code of conduct.

Faith, Prayer and the Word are my weapons of warfare.

I have been taught by the Holy Spirit, trained by experience,  
tried by adversity, and tested by fire.

I am a volunteer in this army, and I am enlisted for eternity.  
I will either retire in this army at the Rapture or die in this Army;  
but I will not get out, sell out, be talked out.  
I am faithful, capable, and dependable.

I am committed.

I cannot have my feelings hurt bad enough to turn me around.

I cannot be discouraged enough to turn me aside.

I cannot lose enough to cause me to quit.

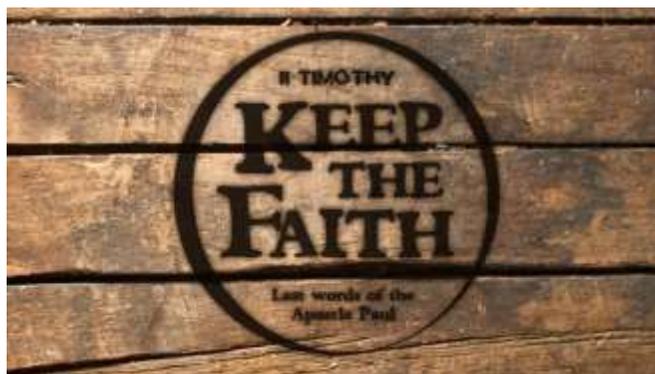
**I AM A SOLDIER!**

If you're a Christian you're a Soldier!



**"Let's Go!" 29th Division at Normandy By: James Dietz**

## Pastor Hank's Notes on: 2 Timothy



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### 2 Timothy Chapter 2

**Timothy: Endure Hardship as a Soldier, Athlete and Famer, verses 3-7:**

#### Verse 5

<sup>5</sup> And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

Persevere for God with an athlete's attitude!

**And if a man also strive for masteries...** Masteries means: To compete, to strive for; contend. Paul often drew upon the world of athletics for illustrations of the Christian life, mentioning track and field (1 Corinthians 9:12), boxing (1 Corinthians 9:26), and wrestling (Ephesians 6:12).

#### 1 Corinthians 9:26

<sup>26</sup> I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

**yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully...** The point is clear. An athlete can't make up the rules as he pleases; he must compete according to the rules if he wants to receive the crown.

It is possible to fall into the mistake of thinking that we can make up our own rules for our Christian life. For some people, their special arrangement goes something like this: "I know this is sin, but God understands, so I'll just keep going in this sin." This goes against the attitude of an athlete who must compete according to the rules.

### **Cheating runner Rosie Ruiz stripped of her Boston Marathon Medal, 1980:**

Rosie Ruiz's win at the 1980 Boston Marathon seemed too good to be true -- because it was.

Ruiz was a dark horse who came out of nowhere 35 years ago to beat the favourite in the women's race, Canadian runner Jacqueline Gareau.

It turned out Ruiz didn't come out of nowhere. She slipped out of a crowd, ahead of the race leaders, about a mile from the finish line to take the medal.

She posted a time of 2:31:56 -- an improvement of 25 minutes over the time she posted a few months before in the New York Marathon. And she hardly broke a sweat.

Eight days later, after examining thousands of photos taken on the course, the Boston Marathon took back her medal and awarded it to Gareau.



In this April 22, 1980, file photo, Rosie Ruiz, waves to the crowd, after she was announced winner of the women's division of the Boston Marathon. Ruiz pretended to win by coming out of the crowd about one mile before the finish line. (AP Photo/File) (The Associated Press)

"She was baffled because she thinks she ran the race," Will Cloney, the marathon's director, explained to then-*As It Happens* host Barbara Frum.

"I'm not a psychiatrist. I'm not a psychologist. I'm not a doctor. I believe that she firmly believes she ran the race. Of course, our evidence would indicate that she did not."

Race authorities in New York revoked her finish in that city's marathon as well. Ruiz, it turned out, had hopped a subway to skip most of the course.

Gareau returned to Boston from Quebec to collect her medal. The marathon organized a mock finish line, so she could break the tape. Her time of 2:34:28 was a women's record. She also served as Grand Marshall of the 2005 Boston Marathon, where she ceremonially broke the tape again.

Ruiz never conceded to cheating in the marathon.



Kendall Schler, 26 above, is seen moments after crossing the finish line of the Go! Marathon on Sunday, April 12, 2015. Organizers of the St. Louis marathon stripped Schler of her title, saying she had crept onto the course late in the race to make it appear she had run all 26.2 miles. (J.B. Forbes/St. Louis Post-Dispatch via AP) (The Associated Press)

All an athlete's hard work and discipline will be wasted if he or she fails to compete according to the rules. This is a call to obey the Word of God in the pursuit of spiritual victory.

Paul is saying, whatever you do, do it within the law. Do not take shortcuts. Fight the good fight within the law. Then when you win, you have done it honestly.

## Verse 6

<sup>6</sup>The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.

**The husbandman that laboureth...** = The hard-working farmer!

In calling Timothy to have the attitude of a farmer, Paul emphasized the fact that farmers are hard-working. In the same way, all who serve the Lord should be hard-working.

Ancient farmers worked long hours of backbreaking labor under all kinds of conditions, with the hope that their physical effort would be rewarded by a good harvest.

Unlike the soldier and the athlete, there is nothing glamorous about the work a farmer does. It is often tedious, boring, and unexciting. The nation's best farmer really isn't a celebrity. But he must work hard just the same.

God has no place for lazy ministers. If you will not work hard, get out of the ministry. If you will only work hard if you are in the limelight, then let God change your heart.

Paul is urging Timothy not to be lazy or indolent, but to labor intensely (Colossians 1:28-29), with a view to the harvest (1 Corinthians 3:5-8).

Hard Working... Paul knew the value of hard work. He could say, comparing himself with the other apostles, **I laboured more abundantly than they all** (1 Corinthians 15:10). Paul wasn't just called, he wasn't just blessed, he wasn't just anointed; Paul also worked hard. And his ministry would have been far less than it was if he had not worked hard.

## 1 Corinthians 15:10

<sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; **but I laboured more abundantly than they all**: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

## Remember what Jesus said in: Luke 9:62

<sup>62</sup>And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.



**must be first partaker of the fruits...**When Timothy had spiritual food to give to the congregation, he must eat of it first. If he isn't being fed from the Word of God, he can't really feed others.

An effective pastor or teacher will get more out of the message than the audience does, and his time of preparation to teach God's word will also be a time of warm fellowship with God.

## Verse 7

<sup>7</sup> Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.

**Consider what I say...** Paul wants Timothy to read between the lines and understand what he is really saying to him.

Paul has just explained three illustrations of the Christian life – a soldier, an athlete, and a farmer. Each of these three occupations need great *perseverance* to succeed.

- The soldier who stops fighting before the battle is finished will never see victory.
- The athlete who stops running before the race is over will never win the race.
- The farmer who stops working before the harvest is complete will never see the fruit of his crops.

**and the Lord give thee understanding in all things...** God is faithful give us understanding in all these things, and He will be faithful to give us the grace to be strong. God gives this and we must receive it. Jesus spoke in parables and then told His disciples the meaning of the parables. Paul is saying, let the Holy Spirit within you open your understanding to what I have said. You have ears to hear. Understand it in your inner man.

### Paul the example of Hardship, verses 8-13:

#### Verse 8

<sup>8</sup> Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:

**Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David...** Timothy needed to keep the fact that Jesus was the Messiah of Israel – the seed of David – in the forefront of his preaching.

**was raised from the dead...** This is the great fact, the great credential of the authenticity of Jesus Christ – His resurrection from the dead.

Remember that Jesus was the first one ever resurrected. Others, such as Jesus' friend Lazarus, had been resuscitated, but only Jesus had been resurrected – raised to a new order of life, with a new body, which though based on the old, was still new and fitted for the glories of eternal life.

**according to my gospel...** Jesus' resurrection was the proof that though it looked like He died on the cross like a common criminal, He actually died as a sinless man out of love and self-sacrifice to bear the guilt of our sin. Jesus' death on the cross was the payment but the resurrection was the receipt, showing that the payment was received as perfect before God the Father.

### Note: The Ten Gospels that are given in The New Testament:

1-4. There are the four Gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

5. The Gospel of the Kingdom.

#### Matthew 9:35

<sup>35</sup> And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching **the gospel of the kingdom**, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

6. Paul preached The Gospel of the grace of God. (Here 2 Tim 2:8)

### Acts 20:24

<sup>24</sup>But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify **the gospel of the grace of God.**

### Defined in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

**1** Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

<sup>2</sup>By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

<sup>4</sup>And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

7. There is the entire body of Sound Doctrine which Paul committed to the Church, which Paul called ‘my gospel’.

### Romans 2:16

<sup>16</sup>In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to **my gospel.**

8. Hebrews 4:2 talks about “the gospel preached” to the Children of Israel when they were on the verge of entering The Promised Land

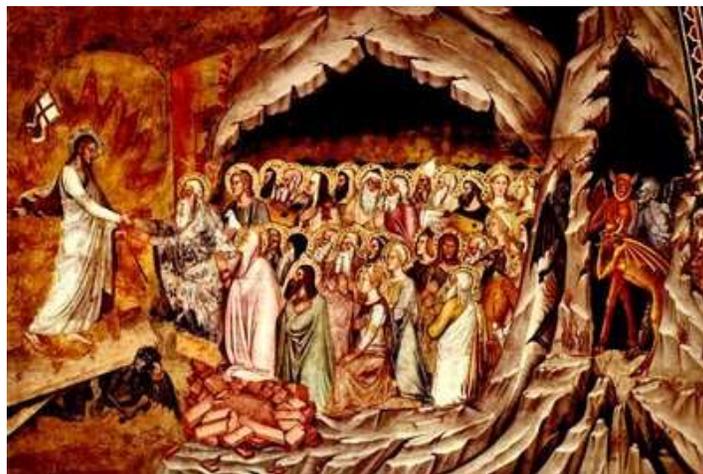
### Hebrews 4:2

<sup>2</sup>For unto us was **the gospel preached**, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

9. Jesus Preached the gospel to The Old Testament Saints in Paradise.

### 1 Peter 4:6

<sup>6</sup>For for this cause was **the gospel preached** also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.



Descent of Christ to Limbo (1365-68) - Andrea da Firenze

**10.** At the end of The Tribulation an Angel preaches “the everlasting gospel” that God will save any gentile who will worship Him as the Creator.

### **Revelation 14:6-7**

<sup>6</sup>And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having **the everlasting gospel** to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

<sup>7</sup>Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

**Remember what the word Gospel means: “good news.”** For Paul, the best news was not about more money, more love, more status, or more stuff. The good news was about a real relationship with God through the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross!

### **Verse 9**

<sup>9</sup>Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.

**Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds...** The consequences of Paul’s gospel = suffering, and we as Christians will suffer as well.

**but the word of God is not bound...**Preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, and in it proclaiming the resurrection of Jesus, is what brought Paul to Rome in chains. His trouble with the Jews, which started his imprisonment, was because he told them they had rejected their Messiah. Paul is also saying “Though they bind me with an iron chain, they cannot bind the gospel.”

### **Verse 10**

<sup>10</sup>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.

**Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes...** Those of the elect, whom God foreknew who would be saved for salvation from before the world began, who had not yet come to faith in Jesus Christ.

**that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory...** The ultimate outcome of salvation!

I do not believe we are chosen to be saved. I believe that all mankind who believes in Jesus Christ were foreknown of God to be saved. This is an act of our own free will. I do believe that Almighty God foreknew who those who would believe were and wrote their names in the Lamb's book of life.

The "elect" then, would be those who will choose to follow Jesus Christ as their Savior. Paul endured these hardships, so that all who would believe would have that opportunity of Salvation.

### **Verse 11**

<sup>11</sup>It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:

This refers to believers’ spiritual participation in Christ’s death and resurrection, including also the possibility of suffering martyrdom for the sake of Christ, as the context would indicate.

### **Verse 12**

<sup>12</sup>If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

**If we suffer, we shall also reign with him...** This principle assures us that our present difficulty or trial is worth enduring. The reward is greater than what one might gain from quitting. We will reign with Him! We understand that God is training us to rule and reign beside Him in the world to come.

**if we deny him, he also will deny us...** Those who deny Jesus that they themselves will be denied. By doctrine or manner of living, one may deny who Jesus is, deny what He has done for us, or deny what He commands us to do.

### **Matthew 10:33**

<sup>33</sup>But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

### **Verse 13**

<sup>13</sup>If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

This refers to a lack of saving faith, not to weak or struggling faith. Unbelievers will ultimately deny Christ because their faith was not genuine.

The meaning of the last line cannot be, If we are faithless and deny him, nevertheless he, remaining faithful to his promise, will give us everlasting life.

Paul is saying here, if we choose not to believe, it does not make the gospel any the less the Truth. The gospel is Truth, whether we believe it or not.

### **James 2:14-26**

<sup>14</sup>What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

<sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

<sup>16</sup>And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

<sup>17</sup>Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

<sup>18</sup>Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

<sup>19</sup>Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

<sup>20</sup>But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

<sup>21</sup>Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

<sup>22</sup>Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

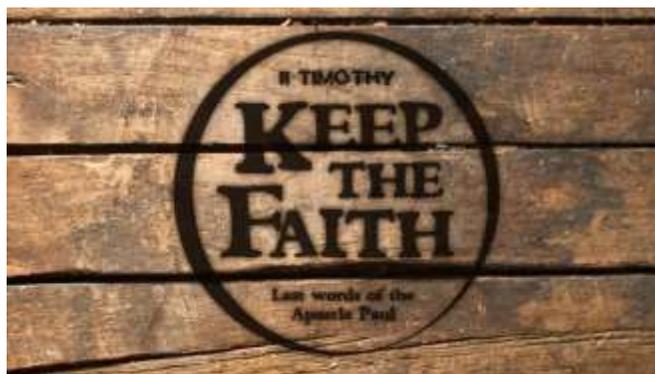
<sup>23</sup>And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

<sup>24</sup>Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

<sup>25</sup>Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?

<sup>26</sup>For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

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#### Diligence as a Servant of The Lord relating to his work, verses 14-23:

##### Verse 14

<sup>14</sup>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.

Here, Paul moved to instruct Timothy with regard to the false teachers who had emerged in Ephesus.

**Of these things put them in remembrance...** These great principles in regard to the kingdom of Christ. They would be as useful to others as they were for Timothy.

The Church is constantly tempted to get its focus off of the message that really matters, and is tempted to become an entertainment center, a social service agency, a mutual admiration society, or any number of other things. But this temptation must be resisted, and the church should constantly remember **these things**.

**charging them before the Lord...** In the presence of the Lord, implying that it was a very important matter

**strive not about words, to no profit ...** This means needless and useless arguments that have brought no gain to Christianity.

The apostle's Paul's argument: why we should not contend about **these things**; because they tend to create strife and contention among Christians, by dividing them into factions and parties, and also tend **to the subverting of the hearers**, causing them to doubt of the truth of the faith, about which the contending parties cannot agree, bringing no profit to the Church.

The apostle John had this problem as well:

## 1 John 2:19

<sup>19</sup> They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

The Bible says, faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Romans 10:17). Yet if people do not hear the word of God, then ruin comes by hearing the opinions and speculations and entertainment of man (False Teachers).

## Verse 15

<sup>15</sup> Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

In the second chapter of Second Timothy the believer is presented in seven characters. He is called a son, verse 1; a soldier, verse 3; an athlete, verse 5; a husbandman-farmer, verse 6; a workman-diligent student, verse 15; a vessel, verse 21; and a servant, verse 24.

**Study...** This word denotes zealous persistence in accomplishing a goal. Timothy, like all who preach or teach the Word; was to give his maximum effort to impart God's Word completely, accurately, and clearly to his hearers. This is crucial to counter the disastrous effects of false teaching (verses 14, 16-17).

**Rightly dividing...** Literally "cutting it straight", a reference to the exactness demanded by such trades as carpentry, masonry, and Paul's trade of leather working and tent making. Precision and accuracy are required in biblical interpretation, beyond all other enterprises, because the interpreter is handling God's Word. Anything less is shameful.

**The word of truth...** All of Scripture in general (John 17:17), and the gospel message in particular (Ephesians 1:13; Colossians 1:5).

## 1 Thessalonians 4:11

<sup>11</sup> And that ye **study** to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

**to shew thyself approved unto God...** Timothy's goal was not to present himself approved to people, **but to God**. He wasn't to regard the job of being a pastor as a popularity contest but instead as a call to faithfulness to God.

**rightly dividing the word of truth...** To rightly divide the Word of God means to interpret it properly and to know its Doctrine correctly. Why would God require a Christian to rightly divide the Word of Truth unless He would give him the ability to do that? This verse indicates that God will hold the Christian accountable for this task, because only the one who rightly divides the word of truth is approved.

## The Bible tells us exactly how to know the correct Doctrine.

1. We know sound doctrine through obedience. The Lord Jesus Christ gave the following promise in regard to knowing sound doctrine: "*If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself*" (John 7:17). To know sound doctrine one must be willing to obey the truth. If a man is open to the truth and willing to obey God, the Lord will give him wisdom so that he will be able to discern sound doctrine from false. In Proverbs 1:23, God says, "*Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you,*

*I will make known my words unto you.*” God has promised to make His truth known to those who submit themselves to Him.

2. We know sound doctrine through continuing in God’s Word. The Lord Jesus made another promise in regard to knowing the truth, as follows: *“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free”* (John 8:31-32). This precious promise clearly states that a child of God can know the truth. To do so, he must continue in God’s Word. This means he must read it, study it, memorize it, love it, and seek to obey it.

3. We know sound doctrine through the Holy Spirit. 1 John 2:20-21 says, *“But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.”* Verse 27 says further, *“But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.”* Thus the Scriptures plainly state that the believer has the Holy Spirit to teach him and he can thereby know the truth.

### **The Following are Ten Tips for Daily Bible Studying and Reading:**

#### **1. ESTABLISH A TIME.**

If you do not develop a habit of daily Bible reading at a certain time each day, you will probably only read it hit and miss. Decide what time would be best for your situation. At different periods in my life I have had different times for my devotions, depending on the situation. Usually first thing in the morning is best, before your mind becomes filled with the business of the day. But other times of the day might work better for you. It is something to pray about.

#### **2. ESTABLISH A PLACE.**

A quiet, private place is essential, if at all possible. I have seen Christians trying to study the Bible in a room where other people are talking and a radio is playing, etc. That is not wise and it is not honoring to the Lord who deserves our undivided attention. The Bible is the very Word of God. Would it be proper to invite God over for a visit and then have many other things going on at the same time as He was talking to us?

#### **3. HAVE SOME BASIC STUDY TOOLS.**

I recommend the following:

##### **A Study Bible**

At the very least, it is extremely helpful to have a study Bible that has cross references and a concordance. Three helpful study Bibles are the Old Scofield Reference Bible, the Thomson Chain Reference Bible, and the Ryrie Study Bible.

##### **A Concordance**

The *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance* is one of the most important Bible study tool ever published. Not only is it exhaustive in its treatment of the words of the English Bible, but it also links the English words to an exceptional dictionary of the Hebrew and Greek terms underlying the English.

##### **Treasury of Scripture Knowledge**

*The Treasury of Scripture Knowledge* was first published circa 1836. The original *Treasury* had roughly 4,000 cross-references; the newer editions have about 570,000 references. The best

commentary on the Bible is the Bible itself, and herein is the value of the *Treasury of Scripture Knowledge*.

### **The Way of Life Encyclopedia of the Bible & Christianity**

Thirty years of research have gone into this one-of-a-kind reference tool. It is the only Bible dictionary/encyclopedia that is written by a fundamental Baptist and based strictly upon the King James Bible. It does not correct the Authorized Version of the Bible, nor does it undermine the fundamental Baptist's doctrines and practices as many study tools do. Containing over 6,000 entries and 7,000 cross-references, it is a complete dictionary of biblical terminology and also features many other areas of research not often covered in Bible reference volumes. Subjects include Bible versions, Denominations, Cults, Christian Movements, Typology, the Church, Social Issues and Practical Christian Living, Bible Prophecy, and Old English Terminology. The Way of Life Encyclopedia is exceedingly practical, and the Christian will be helped and fortified in his faith. **(One of Pastor Hank's Favorite Books)**

#### **4. HAVE A NOTEBOOK AND PEN.**

It is important to write things down that the Lord teaches you.

#### **5. HAVE A PENCIL FOR MARKING YOUR BIBLE.**

I recommend a pencil because you can erase it if you make a mistake and the pencil doesn't bleed through to the other side of the page. A mechanical pencil is ideal, because it doesn't have to be sharpened.

Use the margins of your Bible to add cross-references, word definitions, outlines, and brief commentaries. By adding such things you are making own study Bible. This is why a wide margin Bible is so useful.

Following are some suggestions for marking your Bible:

a. **Underline judiciously.** It is your Bible and you can do as you please, but let me recommend that you not just underline anything and everything indiscriminately. If you do that, your Bible will soon be a bewildering and almost indecipherable hodgepodge of underlines and marks. It is better to use some careful thought in underlining.

b. **Write notes in your Bible with caution.** As with underlining, if you write down anything and everything in your Bible, you will soon find that the notes are almost useless. When writing things down that a preacher or teacher states, consider the source. Is that person a diligent student whose sayings are probably going to be accurate? If not, be very cautious about writing it in your Bible. I have heard preachers and teachers say many things that were not accurate. Save the margins of your Bible for things that are special and that are doubtless true and accurate. Other things can be written down in a notebook.

#### **THINGS TO WRITE IN THE MARGIN OF YOUR BIBLE**

**DEFINITIONS OF WORDS AND NAMES.** As you learn the definitions of difficult words and doctrinal terms and the names of people and places, jot them down in the margin of your Bible so you won't forget them. I have written hundreds of definitions in my Bible. The following are some examples:

Romans 2:23 -- sacrilege=profane

Romans 3:20 -- justified = declared righteous

Romans 3:24 -- redeem=bought with a price

Romans 3:25 -- propitiation=satisfaction of a debt

**CROSS REFERENCES.** No single cross-reference system is exhaustive. Not even the *Treasury of Scripture Knowledge* has every possible cross-reference. You will find many new cross-references to add to your Bible if you are diligent in study. For example, Matthew 6:23 should be cross-referenced to Proverbs 28:22, but it is not in any cross-reference systems I have seen.

## 6. HAVE A READING PLAN.

It is important both to read the Bible (Deuteronomy 17:18-19; Revelation 1:3) and to study the Bible (**2 Timothy 2:15**). Reading and studying are two different things. It is important, first, simply to **READ** the Bible. There is probably no other one thing that can help a believer better understand the Bible than simply reading it and reading it and reading it. It is necessary, also, to **STUDY** the Bible. This involves slowing down the pace, doing word studies, analyzing individual passages, doing topical studies, outlining books, using commentaries, etc. This is the point where we begin to use Bible study tools.

### ***SOME TIPS ON READING THE BIBLE:***

a. Read it systematically. That means read it all of the way through. Why should the Bible be read systematically? The Bible is not merely a series of writings; it is one Book; and to be understood it needs to be read and studied as one Book. Each individual book of the Bible complements the other books, and as the Bible is read systematically the pieces gradually fit together.

“I supposed I knew my Bible, Reading piecemeal, hit or miss, Now a bit of John or Matthew, Now a snatch of Genesis, Certain chapters of Isaiah, Certain Psalms (the twenty-third) Twelfth of Romans, First of Proverbs-- Yes, I thought I knew the Word!  
But I found that thorough reading, Was a different thing to do, And the way was unfamiliar When I read the Bible through. You who like to play at Bible, Dip and dabble, here and there. Just before you kneel weary, And yawn through a hurried prayer; You who treat the Crown of Writings As you treat no other book-- Just a paragraph disjointed, Just a crude impatient look-- Try a worthier procedure Try a broad and steady view; You will kneel in very rapture When you read the Bible through!”  
-- Amos R. Wells

b. There are many Bible Reading Plans available on the internet.

c. Bible reading can be divided into two parts, such as morning and

### **Psalm 119:147-148**

<sup>147</sup> I prevented the dawning of the **morning**, and cried: I hoped in thy word.

<sup>148</sup> Mine eyes prevent the **night** watches, that I might meditate in thy word.

## 7. REMEMBER: ALWAYS START WITH PRAYER.

Ask God to open the eyes of your understanding. Don't be presumptuous, assuming that you can understand the Bible on your own. We must follow the example of the Psalmist who cried, “Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law” (Psalms 119:18). Proverbs says that we will find wisdom only when we cry out for understanding (Proverbs 2:1-5).

## 8. KEEP YOUR MIND ON YOUR READING.

If you can't concentrate upon the Bible, your study time will not be very profitable. It is so easy for the mind to wander as you read the Bible, and we must do whatever is necessary to keep our thoughts on the Scriptures, to hold the words of God in our hearts so that they bring forth good fruit. Not only do we live in a weak, fleshly body (called the "*body of this death*" in Romans 7:24) that gets tired and sick, and not only do we dwell in a world full of cares and troubles, but we have an aggressive spiritual enemy that seeks to hinder our progress. His name is Satan, meaning *the adversary*, the one who stands before us to resist us. Bible study is spiritual warfare, and we must do everything necessary to win this war.

The Parable of the Sower teaches us that a man must make the effort to understand and apply the Scriptures, or the truth will be stolen away from his heart by the Devil (Matthew 13:19). We must capture the truth by meditating on it and finding out its meaning.

**Following are some tips for concentrating on Bible reading:**

- a. Pray about it. If you find your mind frequently wandering during Bible study, lay the matter before the Lord. Tell Him that you desire to grow in knowledge of Him and His Word, explain your problem to Him, and beseech Him to help you concentrate.
- b. If you are particularly worried about some matter, cast it upon the Lord (1 Peter 5:7) and trust Him to take care of it for you; then turn your full attention to His Word.
- c. Remove things from your Bible study area that are distracting. I know a pastor who removed all of the bright colored covers from the books in his office, because they distracted him when he was trying to study the Bible.
- d. Be careful about using a computer during Bible reading time. I use my computer to study the Bible, because it is so efficient, but I do not use my computer when I have my daily devotional time in the Scriptures. It is too easy to get distracted with other things on the computer.
- e. Be careful about unimportant thoughts. When you are studying the Bible, it will often happen that thoughts about other things will rush in and you will be tempted to leave the study of the Bible and to rush off to take care of those things. For this reason, it is a good idea to have pen and paper handy and to jot down such thoughts so that you can take care of them later. This way, you can put them out of your mind for the time being and proceed with your study. If you get in the habit of allowing yourself to rush off and take care of other things, you will be crippled in your ability to study the Bible fruitfully.
- f. Go back and read the passage again. When you find that your mind has wandered during the reading of the Scripture, it is important to go back and read that passage again until you understand what you are reading, even if it takes several readings. It is better to read one verse with clear understanding than to read an entire chapter with the mind drifting to other things.
- g. Try not to read the Bible when you are tired. Sometimes this cannot be avoided, and it is better to read the Bible when you are tired than not at all. But the wise Bible student will arrange his schedule in such a way that he can study the Scriptures when his mind is fresh.
- h. If you find your mind wandering, it might help to put the Bible reading first before you do anything else in the day. I have found that if I start reading and studying other things first, it is much more difficult to concentrate on the Bible later.
- i. Sometimes it is helpful to read the Bible aloud if you find your mind wandering. This can help you maintain your concentration.

j. A large print Bible can also help with concentration because it is easier to read and the pages of the Bible are not as cluttered.

k. Be persistent. Don't let the Devil defeat you in your Bible reading. If you find yourself unable to concentrate for a period, don't quit. There are ups and downs in Bible study as there are in other parts of life. The best tip for effective Bible study is to keep on keeping on!

### **9. TRY TO GET SOMETHING PRACTICAL EACH DAY FROM YOUR BIBLE READING.**

Don't just read for head knowledge; read with the purpose of growing in your knowledge of Christ and in your daily walk with Him.

It is good to keep a Bible reading dairy. Write down the date, list the passage that you read, and then jot down the practical thoughts that you got from that reading. Ask yourself, "What is God saying to me from this passage today?"

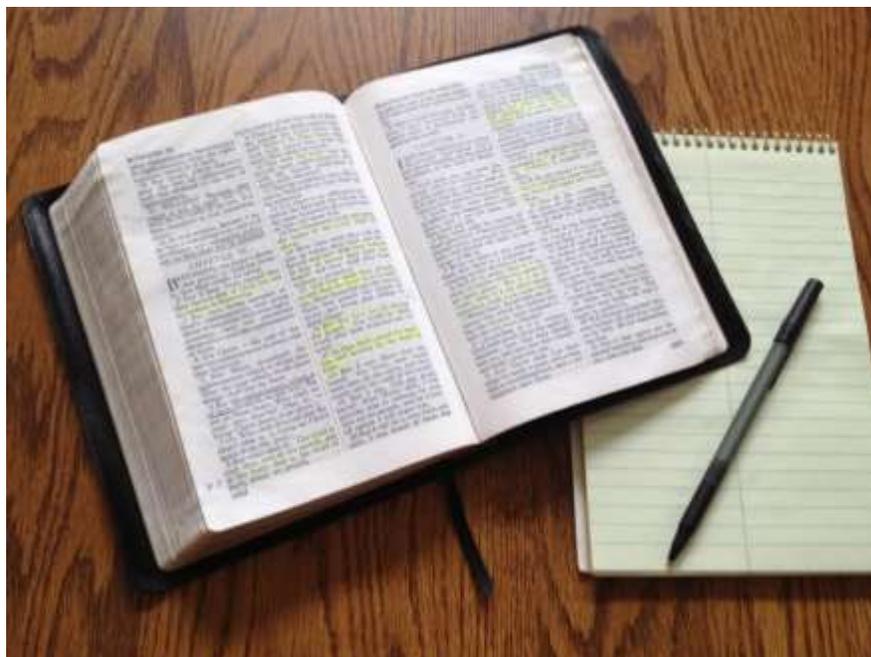
### **10. MAINTAIN A PRAYER DIARY.**

Many believers combine their daily Bible reading with a time of intercessory prayer. This is when you pray for others. It is described in 1 Timothy 2:1-2, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

It is helpful to keep a prayer diary, listing the various things and people you pray for on a daily basis. Some suggestions are husbands, wives, children, mothers, fathers, pastors, missionaries, unsaved relatives and acquaintances, the sick, persecuted believers, and the government. Pray for specific things and use the prayer diary to list God's answers to your prayers.

### **Proverbs 15:28**

<sup>28</sup> The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.



## Pastor Hank's Notes on: 2 Timothy



**Chapter 2 Outline:** Transmit the truth to others, verses 1-2, Timothy: Endure Hardship as a Soldier, Athlete and Famer, verses 3-7, Paul the example of Hardship, verses 8-13, Diligence as a Servant of The Lord relating to his work, verses 14-23, Instructions for being useful for The Lord, verses 24-26.

### 2 Timothy Chapter 2

**Diligence as a Servant of The Lord relating to his work, verses 14-23:**

#### Verse 16

<sup>16</sup> But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

**But shun profane and vain babblings...** **Shun**= persistently avoid, ignore, or reject. This refers to anything that takes the focus **off** of the gospel and God's Word.

These **babblings** are **profane** because they are unholy in contrast to the holiness of God's Word. They are **vain**, because even though people like to hear them, they don't have lasting value.

What Paul is saying is that some have turned away from the teachings of God's law, and substituted it with worthless words, which have no real meaning.

A good Bible Verse definition of **Profane** is found in:

#### **Ephesians 4:29**

<sup>29</sup> Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

**Vain Babblings** refers to talk that has a lot of noise, but carries no meaning.

Man's opinions, man's teachings, man's opinion polls, man's stories, man's programs, are all **profane and vain babblings** compared to the simple Word of God. When these things become the focus of the message from the pulpit, it will **increase unto more ungodliness**.

This picturesque phrase is found also in I Timothy 6:20, where it is used as a synonym, or description of the "oppositions of science falsely so-called," directed against true Christian theism by the philosophers of humanism and evolutionism, both in ancient times and modern times.

#### Verse 17

<sup>17</sup> And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;

**And their word will eat as doth a canker...** Canker = An ulcerous condition or disease, in particular. The message of profane and vain babblings may spread quickly and be popular. They are like a cancer-gangrene that spreads fast and captures an audience.

**of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus...** **Hymenaeus** is mentioned in 1 Timothy 1:20 as a man whom Paul delivered to Satan that [he] may learn not to blaspheme. **Philetus**: Alexander's probable replacement (1 Timothy 1:20), as Hymenaeus' accomplice.

### **1 Timothy 1:20**

<sup>20</sup>Of whom is **Hymenaeus** and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

#### **Verse 18**

<sup>18</sup>Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.

**Who concerning the truth have erred...** Apparently, they started out correctly, and then strayed from that correct position.

**saying that the resurrection is past already...** Having identified their teaching as "canker", Paul then proceeded to give one of the noticeable features of their false doctrine. They had spiritualized the resurrection, claiming that it had already happened.

They had the truth, but erred or wandered from it, saying the resurrection was already past, and thus denying the resurrection of the body, and, by consequence, future rewards and punishments; and this sapped the foundation Christianity: and thus the gangrene had spread within the Church.

**and overthrow the faith of some...** They were trying to subvert "the foundation" on which alone **faith** can save and secure by God's grace.

#### **Verse 19**

<sup>19</sup>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.

**Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure...** The kingdom of God cannot be shaken! Though men like Hymenaeus and Philetus made dangerous attacks against the Church and their message spread like cancer, and even though the faith of some might be overthrown, nevertheless, the solid foundation of God stands!

God has a plan, God has a purpose, God has a strategy, and it is not going to fail. It doesn't matter how many fall away, how many reject the truth, how many go their own way after profane and vain babblings – Nevertheless, the solid foundation of God stands.

**Having this seal...** **Seal**= A symbol of ownership and authenticity.

**Sealed** Preserved; kept; protected. A seal is a sign of ownership and security.

### **Ephesians 1:13**

<sup>13</sup>In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were **sealed** with that holy Spirit of promise,

**In whom ye also trusted...** As one means of guaranteeing His promises to those who have received Jesus Christ, God has sealed [you] in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise. Every believer is given the very Holy Spirit of God the moment he trusts in Christ.

**after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation...** When a person becomes a Christian, The Holy Spirit takes up residence in his life. Life in Jesus Christ is different because the Spirit of God is now within. He is there to empower us, equip us for ministry, and function through the gifts He has given us. The Holy Spirit is our Helper and Advocate. He protects and encourages us. He also guarantees our inheritance in Jesus Christ.

### **Ephesians 4:30**

<sup>30</sup> And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are **sealed** unto the day of redemption.

The Holy Spirit of God is our securing force, our guarantee, because we are **sealed**.

When God gives us His Holy Spirit, it is as if He stamps us with a seal that reads, "This person belongs to Me and is an authentic citizen of My divine kingdom and member of My divine family."

The seal of God's Spirit in the believer signifies four primary Eternal things: security, authenticity, ownership, and authority.

**The Lord knoweth them that are his...** This is likely a reference to:

### **Numbers 16:5:**

<sup>5</sup> And he spake unto Korah and unto all his company, saying, Even to morrow **the Lord will shew who are his**, and who is holy; and will cause him to come near unto him: even him whom he hath chosen will he cause to come near unto him.

**The Lord knoweth them that are his...** This is the first inscription on the seal. If Hymenaeus and Philetus continue their destructive ministry, the Lord knows those who are His (and He also knows who isn't His). If profane and vain babblings sweep through the Church like cancer, the Lord knows those who are His. If the faith of some is overthrown, the Lord knows those who are His.

**And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity...** This is the second inscription on the foundation of God. It is true that God knows those who are His; and He calls those who are His to leave their **sin** behind.

If someone does not have the desire or the actions to depart from iniquity, it is fair to ask if they really belong to Jesus or if they have just deceived themselves.

The foundation that the Church is built upon is the Rock (Jesus Christ). Winds of false doctrine can come and go, but the Church will not be moved from that foundation. We Christians, are the Church. When we plant our feet on that solid Rock, we are secure in Him. Our name is written in the Lamb's book of life. When you put your faith and trust in Jesus Christ, you will not fall.

If you are a Christian, you are trying to become more Christ-like every day. The desire of our heart is to please Him. We have departed from **iniquity**, and we are travelling on the road that leads to heaven.

## Verse 20

<sup>20</sup> 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.

Paul just used the picture of God’s building (**the foundation of God**). Now he thinks of that building as a great house that has a variety of **vessels** in it – bowls, plates, vases, etc...

Some of these **vessels** are made of gold and silver, and some are made of wood and clay. Some are used on occasions of great honor (the gold and silver vessels), and some are used for dishonor – such as a garbage bin or an ashtray.

## Verse 21

<sup>21</sup> 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.

If we **purge** (cleanse) ourselves from dishonorable things, God will regard us as vessels of honour, sanctified and useful for the Master.

**and prepared unto every good work...** Paul spoke about a purging-cleansing that isn’t just something God does for us as we sit passively. This is a self-cleansing for service that goes beyond a general cleansing for sin. And when we’re clean before The Lord, The Lord will prepare us unto good works.

## Verse 22

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

**Flee also youthful lusts...** Not merely illicit sexual desires, but also such lusts as pride, desire for wealth and power, jealousy, self-assertiveness, and an argumentative spirit.

**Flee also youthful lusts...** This is the first aspect of cleansing that Paul mentions to Timothy. **Youthful lusts** describes the sort of desires and temptations that are especially prominent when someone is an adolescent or young adult. Sexual temptation, illicit pleasure of the flesh, and a longing for fame and glory often mark one’s youth.

The command is simple: **Flee also youthful lusts**. Don’t entertain them. Don’t challenge them. Don’t try and endure them. The idea of “I will just test myself on this one to see if I can stand against it” has made many fall into sin.



**but** follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. Here's a good "but". Cleansing can never be a matter of just avoiding bad things. It must also be the pursuit and **following** of good things. Therefore there are both things that we must flee from and things we must pursue.

"**Righteousness**" are those things that are consistent with the character of God. "**Faith**" is belief in God's Word. "**Charity**" is love in action, given regardless of its recipient's worthiness. "**Peace**" is to be pursued and followed after with all men, as much as possible, but especially with the saints, the true worshippers of God. **Peace** = to live well with others.

### Verse 23

<sup>23</sup> But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.

**But foolish and unlearned questions avoid...** Paul's third warning to avoid useless arguments with false teachers (see notes on verses 14, 16).

**But foolish and unlearned questions avoid...** The word that is translated "foolish" here is the word moros, from which we get our word, moron. Paul is talking about moronic controversies, foolish, trivial matters which, even when they are settled after long and loud debate, do nothing for you; they do not advance the Christian cause in the least degree.

**knowing that they do gender strifes...** Walking clean also means staying clear of endless disputes, arguments and strifes. These distracting interests can limit how much God can use us.

**Strife**= Angry or bitter disagreement over fundamental issues; conflict. Synonyms: Conflict, friction, discord, disagreement, dissension, dispute, argument, quarreling, wrangling, bickering, controversy; ill/bad feeling, falling-out, bad blood, hostility, animosity.

### Proverbs 20:3

<sup>3</sup> It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling.

I called you to win Souls  
not to win Arguments;  
Come On!!!



### **Instructions for being useful for The Lord, verses 24-26:**

<sup>24</sup> And the servant of the Lord must not **strive**; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

**Strive**= To struggle or fight vigorously.

**And the servant of the Lord must not strive...** The great men of our world are not usually thought of as servants nor as gentle. Yet in the kingdom of God, greatness is marked by being a **servant of the Lord** and by being gentle to all.

**but be gentle unto all men...** Here was given the antidote for the vain and conceited babblings with which some busied themselves.

**Gentleness Becometh a Minister:** “He must not be a fighter, quarreller; but meek, quiet, easy to be entreated: for such are fathers, nurses, surgeons, physicians. Oh, how much pity, tenderness of affection is required of them! Lambs, sucking babes, bones out of joints, stand in need of a gentle heart and finger to feed, nourish, and rightly to place them. To be fierce, cruel, outrageous, better befits a dog than a shepherd.” - J. Barlow

**Apt to teach**= skilled in teaching. **Patient**= Being patient while others are learning

**1. Timothy:** It was not his job as a Pastor to pick fights and to look for conflict. Some men only feel energized and motivated if they have an argument; Timothy (and every pastor) should be of a different sort.

**2. Timothy** must be able to teach. With the great emphasis Paul placed on God’s Word, a Pastor who is not able to teach is like a Surgeon who can’t use a scalpel.

**3. Timothy** must be patient. God’s work often takes time. Sometimes we can see why it takes so much time, sometimes we can’t – but God is not in a hurry, and wants us to learn how to patiently trust Him.

### **Verse 25**

<sup>25</sup> In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

**In...** Timothy must be in **meekness instructing** those who are in opposition.

**if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth...** All true repentance is produced by God’s sovereign grace (Ephesians 2:7), and without such grace, human effort to change is futile.

**those who are in opposition...** The essential foolishness of all sin and wrong-doing is implied in these words. Doing sinful things is actually opposing one’s self. In the parables, Jesus described the unprepared virgins, the man who built on the sand, and the one who proposed to pull down and build bigger barns as “foolish” ones; and the same principle shines here.

### **Verse 26**

<sup>26</sup> And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

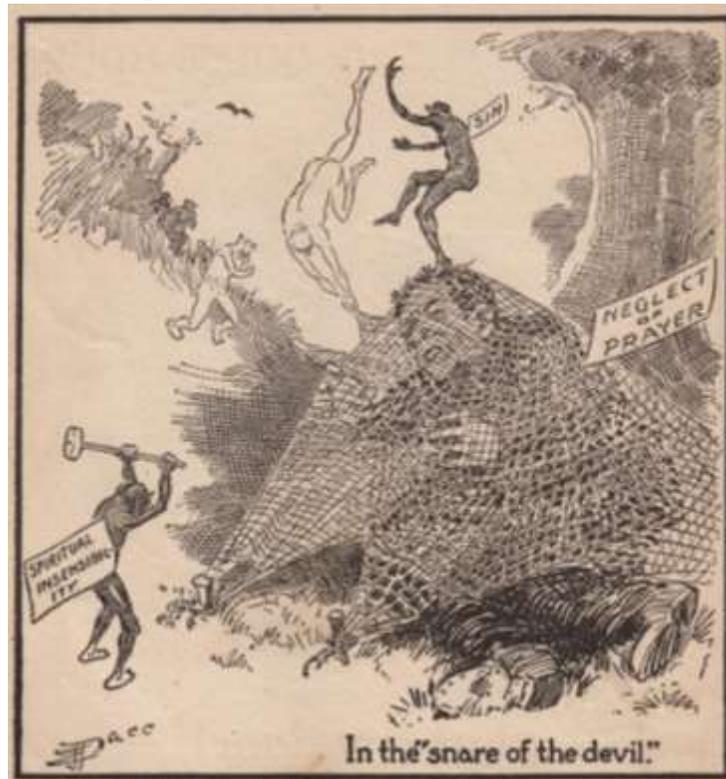
**And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil...** A Snare is a kind of trap used for capturing animals. Those who are in opposition to God's work, whether they know it or not, are bound in a demonic deception, and are doing the devil's work. They need to escape the snare of the devil, and God is ready to set them free.

Satan indeed takes captive (alive) the unfortunate souls who are entrapped in evil and thus become servants of the Devil's will. The true reality of Satan, his purpose, his existence and his means of operation are strongly evident here. The current theology which refuses to recognize Satan is blind and ignorant of the truth, which despite its denial is even today affirmed by the basic instincts of the human race. Everywhere, there is a widespread resurgence of interest in witchcraft, spiritualism, Satanism, the occult and horoscopes, etc...



**who are taken captive by him at his will...** Paul spoke of those who serve the Devil and those who serve God. There is a **choice** for every person, every Christian, who they will decide to serve.

**at his will...** It is an act of the person's free will to be captured or snared by the Devil.



## Pastor Hank's Notes on: 2 Timothy



**Chapter 3 Outline:** A vivid description of the great apostasy, verses 1-9, Past and Present Examples of apostasy & persecution, Paul's Testimony, verses 10-15, The Bible is The Word of God, verses 16 & 17.

**2 Timothy 3: A vivid description of the great apostasy, verses 1-9:**

### Verse 1

**1** This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

**This know also...** Keeping this in mind.

**that in the last days...** It is a mistake to identify this period as restricted to times immediately prior to the Second Advent; because, as the passage itself shows, examples of the grievous times were plentiful at the time Paul wrote.

**Perilous...** Has the idea of troubles, difficulty, and stressful situations. This sort of atmosphere will mark the last days.

“The last days” began with the birth of Christ and will end in Christ’s return to the earth to set up His kingdom. The prophecy of “perilous times” indicates that apostasy will characterize the final days of the church age.

### Verse 2

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

**The characteristics Paul here will describe speak not of bad times, but of bad people.**

**A description of 20 Human Conditions in the last days:**

**(1) For men shall be lovers of their own selves...** It is no accident that the first of these sinful qualities will be a life that is centered in **self**. The adjective (**lovers**) used is philautos, which means self-loving. Love of self is the basic sin, from which all others flow. The moment a man makes his own will the center of life, divine and human relationships are destroyed, obedience to God and charity to men both become impossible. The essence of Christianity is not being **lovers of their own selves** but the death of self.

**Philippians 1:21** <sup>21</sup> For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

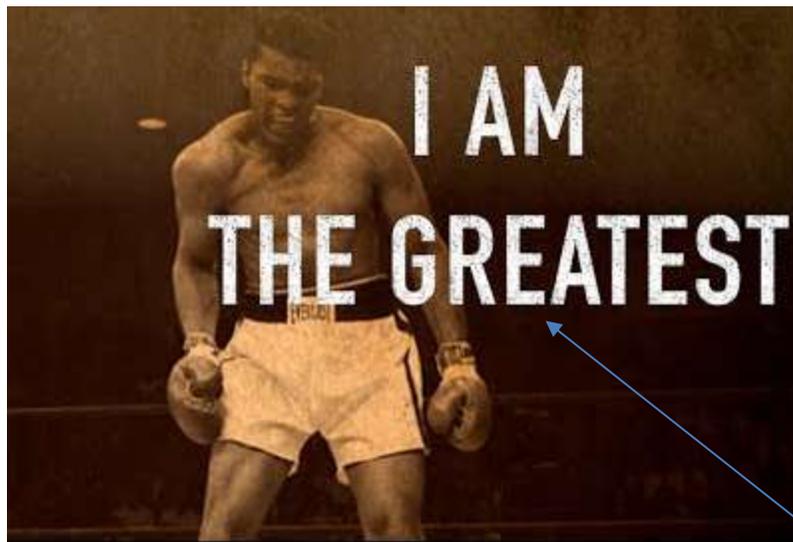
I believe that much of this can be blamed on Secular Humanism being taught in public schools. The child, that grows up believing himself to be the center of everything, finds it difficult to put God at the center of his life. They can easily fall into being lovers of their own selves.

**(2) covetous...** When you believe that you are the center of everything, **then you believe that anything you want should be yours, even if it belongs to someone else.** You can see that coveting is a form of loving yourself as well. The Pharisees who crucified Jesus were described by the gospel of Luke as "**covetous**". The Bible describes covetousness as idolatry.

**Luke 16:14**

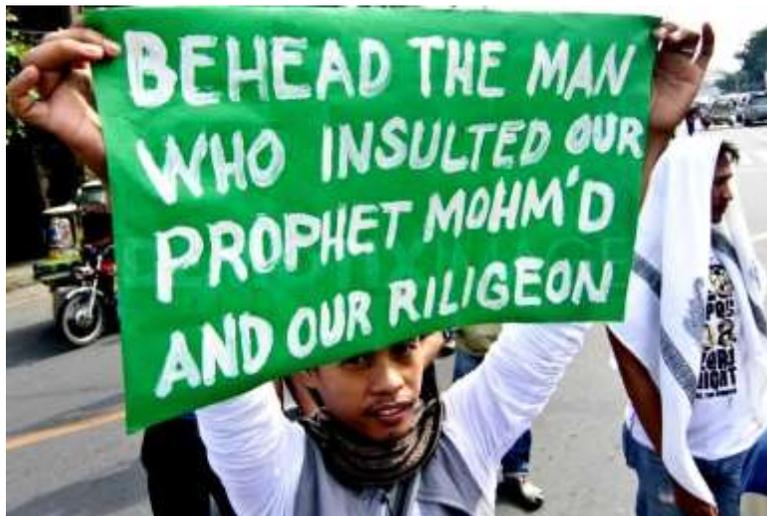
<sup>14</sup> And the Pharisees also, who were **covetous**, heard all these things: and they derided him.

**(3) boasters...** To talk with excessive pride and self-satisfaction about one's achievements, possessions, or abilities.



**(4) proud...** Lifted up in an opinion of themselves. Showing themselves above others.

**(5) blasphemers...** Speaking evil of God, religion and men.



Islam takes Blasphemy against their god very seriously...

**(6) Disobedient to parents...** Stubborn and rebellious against those that bare them. The character of the times is even effected by the manners of the young.



**The Fifth Commandment: Exodus 20:12**

<sup>12</sup>Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

**(7) Unthankful...** The obligation to thankfulness is next to that of obedience to parents. The breakdown of family discipline, the graceless and ungrateful behavior of spoiled and undisciplined children which inevitably follows...

"Please" and "thank you" are simple words, and yet it seems that most young people don't use them enough. Basic etiquette is often missing in society, in both our personal lives as well as our professional ones. You can make yourself stand out in a rude society by remembering your manners, treating people as respected individuals, and doing what others are unwilling to do.

**(8) unholy...** Having no heart or reverence for God. Dirty, profane and impure.

**Verse 3**

<sup>3</sup>Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

**(9) Without natural affection...** This refers to the unnatural child which does not love the parents, or to mothers who do not love their children, or to any person without the basic affections which are the glue which holds the social order together. Paul said that the end times would be marked by an attitude of growing disregard of normal family love and obligation.

**Los Angeles Times**

WASHINGTON — A federal study has found that at least 22,000 babies are left in hospitals each year by parents unwilling or unable to care for them, indicating for the first time how widespread the nation's "boarder baby" problem has become.

The study, commissioned by the Department of Health and Human Services and forwarded to Congress, found that the babies were clustered in six major urban areas, with Cook County (Chicago), Ill., New York City and Washington, D.C., having the highest numbers.

Three-quarters of the boarder babies tested had been exposed to drugs and were black, the report found. Twelve percent were white and 8% Latino, the study found.

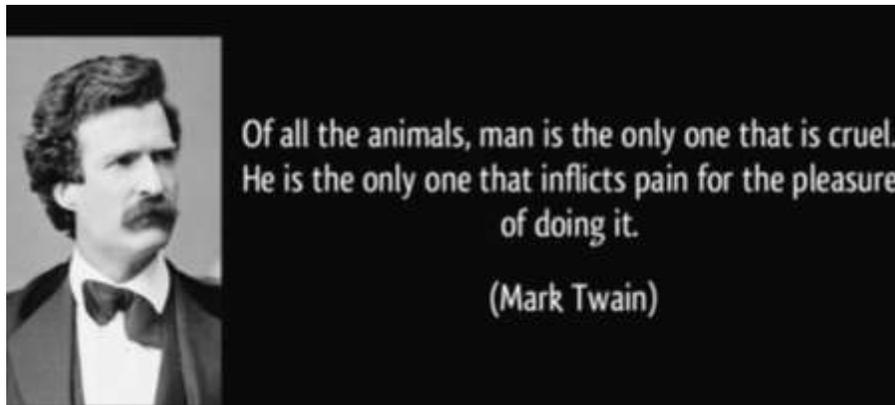
**Dumpster Baby Stats:** 1,393 babies were abandoned nationally— more than 750 of whom died before they were found, according to statistics kept by the National Safe Haven Alliance (NSHA).

**(10) trucebreakers...** When I was a child, a person would shake hands with you on a deal, and it was done. **Not anymore...**

**(11) false accusers...** The Greek word here is diabolos, one of the names of Satan, and has the literal meaning of "false-accusers." Men have always told hurtful lies about other men; but today, in media and in politics, slander has been elevated to both big business and big money.

**(12) Incontinent...** Means self-control. The story of no self-control can be written across almost everything today – sex, drugs, alcohol, food, work. Whatever we do, we often do it out of control.

**(13) fierce...** Or Savage. Men without any gentleness, cruel.



**(14) despisers of those that are good...** No lovers of good; the opposite of “a lover of good” (Titus 1:8). The natural animosity of darkness against the light, of wickedness against righteousness, of error against truth, etc., is the mark of these. "The wolves always hate the sheep."

#### Verse 4

<sup>4</sup>Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

**(15) Traitors...** A person who betrays a friend, country, principle.



(16) **heady...** Reckless, headstrong in the pursuit of a bad end under the influence of passion.

(17) **highminded...** Puffed up and swelling with self-conceit.

(18) **lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God...** Lovers of sinful pleasures, or the pleasures of sin, which are but for a season, and not of God; serving divers lusts and pleasures, and not serving God; making a god of their belly; sensual idolaters, delighting themselves in their carnal lusts, and not in the service of God.

Love of pleasure destroys the love and sense of God.

**These attitudes marks our current age:**

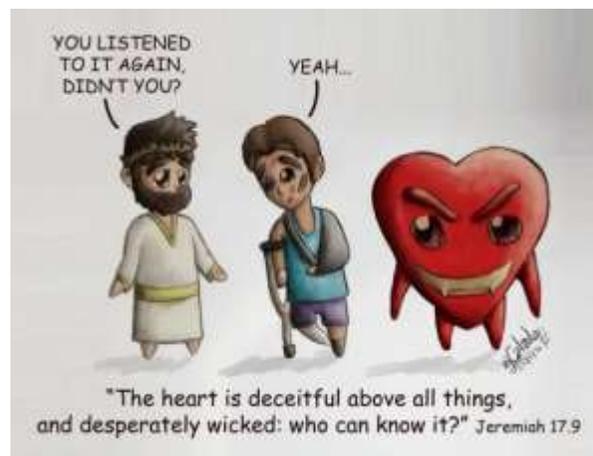
- *Nothing is taboo.*
- *Break all the rules.*
- *To know no boundaries.*
- *Relax: No rules here.*
- *Peel off inhibitions. Find your own road.*
- *We are all hedonists and want to do what feels good. That's what makes us human.*
- *Living without boundaries.*
- *Just do it.*
- *What's done in Vegas stays in Vegas.*
- *You're the Captain of your ship.*
- *If it feels right then do it.*
- *Just follow your heart.*

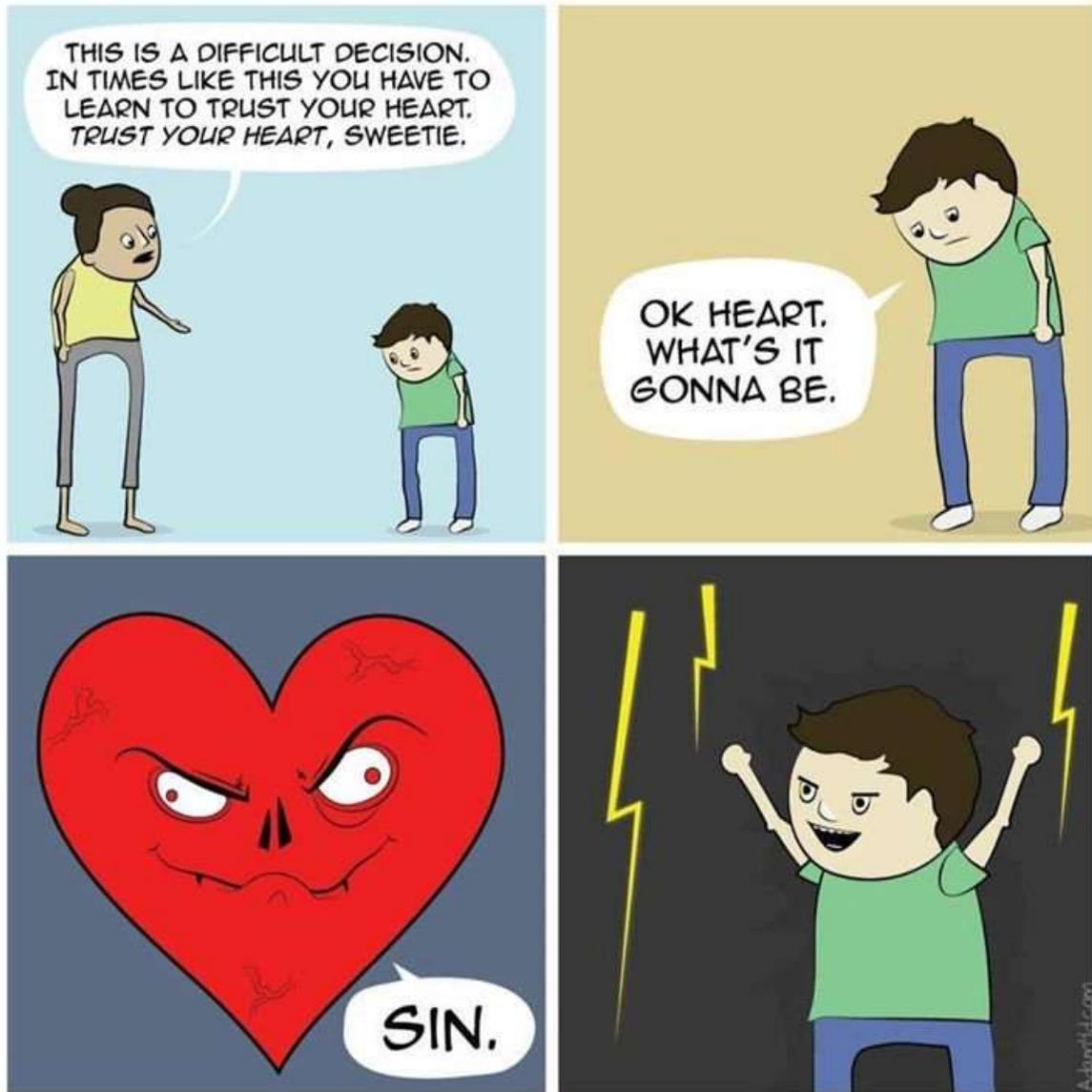
### **Jeremiah 17:9**

<sup>9</sup>The **heart** is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

### **Proverbs 28:26**

<sup>26</sup>He that trusteth in his own **heart** is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.





The message is the same: You make your own rules. You answer to no one.

You are the one that matters. Your universe revolves around you.

### Verse 5

<sup>5</sup> Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

**(19) Having a form of godliness...** In our self-obsessed world, people feel very free to have a “salad bar” religion – they pick and choose what they want. They feel free to be very “spiritual,” but sense no obligation to be Biblical.

**(20) but denying the power thereof...** Though in words they profess religion and godliness, the fear of God, and the pure worship of him, yet in works they deny all; and though they may have a set of notions in their heads, yet they feel nothing of the power of them on their hearts; and are strangers to Christianity.

### Let's Recap here:

1. **Being a lover of pleasure is in contrast to being a lover of God.** If you are a lover of pleasure, you can't be a lover of God and vice versa. You can only serve one master (Matthew. 6:24). Devotion to God requires denying yourself every sinful pleasure and also denying yourself many pleasures that are not sinful, but which can never take priority over following Christ.
2. **Notice that those who are lovers of pleasure hold to a form of godliness.** This means they are religious. They may even be in the Church. They may read their Bibles, serve, give, but at a heart level, they are lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God. They have a "form" of godliness, but it is a sham, a mere pretense, a fake.
3. **Because they love pleasure rather than God, they don't really know God in a saving way.** Paul says they have denied the true power of godliness which comes from repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. Yes, they are religious, but they have not repented of the god of pleasure to believe in and receive Jesus Christ. **Therefore, they do not have the Holy Spirit.** The power of the gospel has not accomplished its transforming work in them. They live for the god of pleasure while they go through the motions of their pseudo-Christianity.
4. **True born again believers are then exhorted to "from such turn away."** Surely this applies to anyone who is enslaved to any of the vices mentioned in vss. 1-9. Yet it also applies to those who are "*lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God.*" We are to avoid religious people who are lovers of pleasure lest we get caught up in their worldly mind set.

**from such turn away...**The command to turn away from people described by the characteristics in this list is especially difficult in our present day.

People who do the things on this list are not only common today but they are often also our cultural heroes. The simple responsibility of Christians is to turn away not only these attitudes, but also from the people who do these things.

### Verse 6, The Last Days Apostasy Strategy:

<sup>6</sup>For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

**For of this sort are they which creep into houses...** It is one thing to have such evil present in the world; it is another thing **to allow it into your home.**

**and lead captive silly women laden with sins...** Satan deceived Eve. The notorious Charles Manson, sentenced by the State of California for murder, was supported and maintained by a small company of women whom he had deceived...



**led away with divers lusts...** The spirit of the last days finds its appeal to us by exciting countless lusts within us. It appeals to the desire to be excited sexually, or romantically, or to have our desires for comfort or wealth or status satisfied.

### Verse 7

<sup>7</sup>Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

The spirit of the last days has a certain intelligence about it; the high priests of the spirit of the last days know how to make things work and how to lead people away by various lusts. But for all their skill, for all of their marketing brilliance and knowledge, **they never come to truth.**

### Verse 8

<sup>8</sup>Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

**Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses...** These were the evil magicians who withstood Moses during his appearances before Pharaoh to hinder him from believing. The resistance of truth by Jannes and Jambres was shown by their ability to cooperate with demonic powers to do miracles. In the last days, men will also resist the truth.

**so do these also resist the truth...** Now, says Paul, as the magicians resisted Moses, so these heretical seducers resist the truth, making opposition against it.

**men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith...**No sound judgment as to the doctrine of faith, or not approved of God, or good men, as to their sentiments about our faith.

### Verse 9

<sup>9</sup>But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as their's also was.

**But they shall proceed no further...** Heresies shall not prevail against the truth.

**for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as their's also was...** Sooner or later, it will be clear that these false teachers are lost fools, as it became clear in the case of Jannes and Jambres.

### Conclusion:

There is a message of great hope in the midst of this great darkness –Jesus Christ. The spirit of the last days is not stronger than the power of Jesus. The glorious truth is that we don't have to be bound by the spirit of our times; we don't have to be slaves to self and have our universe revolve around something as feeble as our selves. There is hope, triumphant hope, in Jesus.

At any time in history when the grace of God is very active, Satan always responds with his own brand of wonders.

### James 4:7

<sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

## Pastor Hank's Notes on: 2 Timothy



**Chapter 3 Outline:** A vivid description of the great apostasy, verses 1-9, Past and Present Examples of apostasy & persecution, Paul's Testimony, verses 10-15, The Bible is The Word of God, verses 16 & 17.

**2 Timothy 3: Past and Present Examples of apostasy & persecution, Paul's Testimony, verses 10-15:**

### Verse 10

<sup>10</sup> But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

**But thou...** Paul has just described twenty kinds of people that will threaten the earth in the last days and which Timothy must contend with in his own day. And Paul drew a clear dividing line between Timothy and those ruled by the evil spirit of the last days.

**hast fully known my...** The meaning is, "You, in contrast to the false teachers." In this and the following verse Paul listed ten aspects of his own life which he was leaving to Timothy as an example of faithful conduct which he has taught Timothy.

**1. doctrine...** "Teaching", Much could be said about every one of the next ten words; but perhaps the big lesson may be found in their order. As always, Paul put DOCTRINE first. Other things are important, but the true doctrine is the most important of all. Without exception, Paul stressed the doctrine, then the pragmatic teaching derived from it. None of his major epistles departs from this order: doctrine first, then the practical admonitions. This needs to be pondered by some current preachers who boast that they do not preach doctrine; in reply to which it might be stated that if one does not preach doctrine he does not preach the gospel Paul preached.

The reason Paul lived the way he lived was because he believed certain things. What we believe will determine how we live.

**2. manner of life...** "Conduct," "behavior." Both his civil life, how he spent his time.

**3. purpose...** One's set aim, or resolution. Plans, or designs. Paul's life had a purpose. It was not without direction. He was going somewhere, and that purpose had been established by God.

**4. faith...** Trusting in God, and having faith or belief in the fundamental doctrines of Christianity.

**5. longsuffering...** Having or showing patience in spite of troubles, especially those caused by other people. Towards: adversaries, and the false teachers; towards brethren in bearing their infirmities; towards the unconverted.

**6. charity...** Loving everyone. Read 1 Corinthians chapter 13.

**7. patience...** Endurance. Patience in bearing all humiliations, reproaches, afflictions, and persecutions, for the sake of Christ and his Gospel.

### Verse 11

<sup>11</sup> 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.

**8. persecutions...** Sufferings. The misfortunes that have come Paul's way.

**9. afflictions...** Trials of other kinds than those which arose from persecutions. The apostle Paul met them everywhere. He was an afflictions magnet/

### Paul's Testimony: 2 Corinthians 11:24-28

<sup>24</sup> Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.

<sup>25</sup> Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;

<sup>26</sup> In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

<sup>27</sup> In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

<sup>28</sup> Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

**10. but out of them all the Lord delivered me...**The Lord's repeated deliverance of Paul should have encouraged Timothy in the face of persecution by those at Ephesus who opposed the gospel.

**which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra...** Paul reminded Timothy of the specific occasions of persecution which he endured.

· **At Antioch**, where Paul was kicked out of the city for preaching the gospel (Acts 13:50).

· **At Iconium**, where Paul was almost executed by stoning (Acts 14:5).

· **At Lystra**, where they actually did stone Paul and leave him for dead (Acts 14:19).

Timothy had firsthand knowledge of Paul's persecutions and sufferings, and what befell him at **Antioch, Iconium and Lystra** (Timothy's home town - Acts 16:1-2), and he knew how he had been delivered by The Lord!

### Verse 12

<sup>12</sup> Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

Why does the world hate Christians?

### John 15:19

<sup>19</sup> If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, **therefore the world hateth you.**

### **Matthew 10:22**

<sup>22</sup> **And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake:** but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

### **But Remember:**

### **Romans 8:35-37**

<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

<sup>36</sup> As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

<sup>37</sup> Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

### **2 Corinthians 4:8-11**

<sup>8</sup> We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

<sup>9</sup> Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

<sup>10</sup> Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

<sup>11</sup> For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

### **Verse 13**

<sup>13</sup> But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

**But evil men and seducers...** Evil men refers to the obvious, open enemies of Jesus; seducers refers to those who appear good and many think of as fine, but they are actually destructive forces among Jesus' followers.

**shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived...** Will become increasingly more successful in their deception until Christ comes.

### **Verse 14**

<sup>14</sup> But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

**But continue...** Timothy had been taught those truths when a child, and he had been confirmed in them by the instructions of Paul. Amidst the errors and seductions of false teachers, Paul now exhorts him to hold fast those doctrines, whoever might oppose them, or whatever might be the consequences. Keep on Keeping on!

**knowing of whom thou hast learned them...** Paul here refers to his own influence on Timothy.

- Paul led him to Christ.
- Paul gave him ministry opportunity.

- Paul taught him by both word and example.
- Paul laid hands on him in ordination.
- Paul guided and mentored him in the midst of ministry.

### Verse 15

<sup>15</sup> 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.

Paul reminds Timothy of his godly heritage.

**And that from a child...** From a child means that it came to him through the influence of his grandmother and mother – Lois and Eunice, respectively. From his young childhood, they taught him. Two people whom Timothy was especially indebted to were his mother and grandmother (see note on 1:5), who faithfully taught him the truths of Old Testament Scripture from his earliest childhood. So that he was ready to receive the gospel when Paul preached it.

**thou hast known the holy scriptures...** A common designation of the Old Testament by Greek-speaking Jews.

**which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus...**

The Old Testament Scriptures pointed to Christ (John 5:37-39), and revealed the need for faith in God's promises (Genesis 15:6; Romans 4:1-3). Thus, they were able to lead people to acknowledge their sin and need for justification in Christ (Galatians 3:24).

### Verse 16

<sup>16</sup> All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

In verse 15 Paul is writing that Timothy was brought up as a child reading The Old Testament. Now as an adult Christian, Paul includes **All scripture** – Both Old and New Testaments! And Paul explains that both were **given by inspiration of God**.

**Doctrine...** The divine instruction or doctrinal content of both the Old and New Testaments (2:15; Acts 20:18, 20-21, 27; 1 Corinthians 2:14-16; Colossians 3:16; 1 John 2:20, 24, 27). The Scripture provides the comprehensive and complete body of divine truth necessary for life and godliness (Psalm 119:97-105).

**Reproof...** Rebuke for wrong behavior or wrong belief. The Scripture exposes sin (Heb. 4:12-13), that can then be dealt with through confession and repentance.

**Correction...** The restoration of something to its proper condition. The word appears only here in the New Testament, but was used in righting a fallen object, or helping back to their feet those who had stumble. Scripture not only rebukes wrong behavior, but also points the way back to godly living (Psalm 119:9-11; John 15:1-2).

**Instruction in righteousness...** Scripture provides positive in godly behavior, not merely rebuke and correction of wrong behavior (Acts 20:32; 1 Timothy 4:6; 1 Peter 1-2).

Now God has some VERY IMPORTANT things to say about His Book! Number 1:

1. God's Book is Inspired:

**2 Timothy 3:16**

<sup>16</sup>All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

**Inspired** means: Informed or directed by the Holy Spirit. Guided by divine inspiration. The word "inspiration" itself pictures God breathing out His Word to men.

God told those men what to write and they wrote what God told them to write they were Inspired by God!

**2 Peter 1:21**

<sup>21</sup>For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

**Job 32:8**

<sup>8</sup>But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

God's Book is Inspired;

2. God's Book is Preserved forever! Look at our opening text here in:

**Psalms 12:7**

<sup>7</sup>Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

Preserved means: Saved from injury, destruction or decay; kept or defended from evil; interesting...

And our Bible is Saved from injury, destruction and decay; it's kept and defended from evil by who? By us? No, By God! He said He would Preserve The Bible and He said He would Preserve forever, why?

Because God's a smart God and we're a dumb people and The Devil would love nothing more than to get us to translate the wrong bible and get us to read the wrong Bible!

3. God's words are also Holy words!

**2 Timothy 3:15**

<sup>15</sup>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.

Now Holy means: Properly, whole, entire or perfect, in a moral sense. Hence, pure in heart, temper or dispositions; free from sin and sinful affections. Applied to the Supreme Being, *holy* signifies perfectly pure, immaculate and complete.

That's why my Bible says: "Holy Bible" on the cover, because God's word is Holy, perfectly pure immaculate and complete!

4. Fourthly, God says His Words are Pure.

**Psalm 12:6**

<sup>6</sup>The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

Pure means: Free from adulterants or impurities, **Free** of dirt, defilement, or pollution, Free of foreign elements, Having no faults; sinless, Free from moral defilement; without spot; not sullied or tarnished; incorrupt; undebased by moral turpitude; holy.

And as I've said this before:

“Inspiration + Preservation equals = God’s Holy Pure words, The Bible!

I believe that The Bible I hold in my hand is God’s Inspired, Preserved, Holy Pure Book!

And one that really bugs me is that I’m holding in my hands God’s Inspired, Preserved, Holy Pure Book and it seems like everyone from the TV Shows, Liberal Theological Schools and even some of God’s people don’t believe that God is smart enough to Preserve His Book and everyone’s criticizing it!

**God has Commanded His Children on how we’re to handle His Book!**

1. You are to read the Scriptures.

**Isaiah 34:16**

<sup>16</sup>Seek ye out of the book of the Lord, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.

2. You are to study the Scriptures.

**2 Timothy 2:15**

<sup>15</sup>**Study** to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Sadly, the new “Bibles” have removed the word “**study**” so that the Christian no longer has a command from his Lord to “study . . . the word of truth.”

**2 Timothy 2:15 English Standard Version (ESV)**

<sup>15</sup>**Do your best** to present yourself to God as one approved,<sup>[a]</sup> a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

**2 Timothy 2:15 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>15</sup>**Do your best** to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

3. You are to search the Scriptures.

**Acts 17:11**

<sup>11</sup>These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

4. You ought to memorize the Scriptures.

**Psalm 119:11**

<sup>11</sup> Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

WABC Bible Memorization Club!

5. You are commanded to obey the Scriptures.

**Jeremiah 7:23**

<sup>23</sup> But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

6. You are to meditate on the Scriptures.

**Joshua 1:8**

<sup>8</sup> This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Meditate means:

7. You are commanded to preach the Scriptures.

**2 Timothy 4:2**

<sup>2</sup> Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.

One last thing about The Bible:

Do you want to know about God's Son, The Lord Jesus Christ?

Jesus said in **John 5:39**:

<sup>39</sup> Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

Do you want to read in a Book where it says that Jesus is God? Then read The Bible!

Do you want to read in a Book where it says we're sinners who need a Saviour? Then read The Bible!

Do you want to read in a Book where God says He loves you? You'll find it in The Bible!

Do you want to know who The Saviour is? Then read The Bible!

**Verse 17**

<sup>17</sup> That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

It is true of all men who have the good fortune to come from godly homes, that the teaching and example of Christian parents is a priceless advantage; but such parents always teach their children that the authority is not in themselves but in the word of the Lord.

## Pastor Hank's Notes on: 2 Timothy



**Chapter 4 Outline:** This chapter may be called the last will and testament of the great apostle to the Gentiles. In view of the apostasy, during Paul's time working in the church, an event Paul had frequently mentioned, and in view of his own forthcoming death, Paul penned his solemn charge to Timothy to "preach the word" **Verses 1-8**, then he called for Timothy to hasten to be at his side for the end, requesting that he bring Mark and a few personal belongings, including in this some very interesting material regarding his personal affairs and the circumstances that pertained to his final imprisonment **Verses 9-18**. The final four **Verses 19-22** contain a few salutations and the final apostolic benediction.

### 2 Timothy 4, Paul's Charge to Timothy, Verses 1-8:

**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;

**I charge thee therefore before God...** Paul commands (**I charge**) and reminds Timothy of God who sees and observes what you do, and will one day call you to account for ministry that has been entrusted.

Everyone who ministers the Word of God is under the omniscient scrutiny of Christ.

### Hebrews 13:17

<sup>17</sup>Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, **as they that must give account**, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

**and the Lord Jesus Christ...** Who is equal with God, and gives ministerial gifts on men, and from whom Timothy had his; whose Gospel he preached; in whose cause he was embarked; and before whom he must appear, to give an account of his ministry, talents, and souls under his care. The Lord Jesus; for he is to be the judge of men.

### 2 Corinthians 5:10

<sup>10</sup>For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

**who shall judge the quick and the dead...** The living are those who shall remain and still be upon the earth at the time of the Second Advent (2 Thessalonians 4:17; 1 Corinthians 15:51); the dead, of course, are the multitudes who died and in Hell awaiting the coming of the Lord and The Great White Throne Judgment.

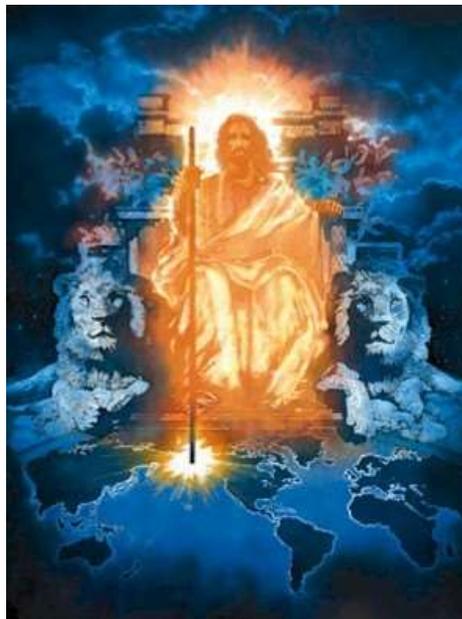
**who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom...** Paul still believed in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. He had been in ministry for more than 30 years and his earliest letters (such as 1 and 2 Thessalonians) mentioned the return of Jesus. Now, so many years and experiences later, he still believed it with all his heart.

### **1 Thessalonians 5:23**

<sup>23</sup> And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto **the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**



**his kingdom...** The meaning is, that, at his second advent, the extent and majesty of his kingdom will be fully displayed. It will be seen that he has control over the elements, over the graves of the dead, and over all the living. It will be seen that the earth and the heavens are under his power, and that all things there acknowledge him as their sovereign Lord.



## Verse 2, Pauls Charge to Timothy:

<sup>2</sup>Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.

**Preach the word...** As a Pastor, Timothy was not required to merely know the word or like the word or approve of the word; he was required to **preach the word**. The word of God must be preached by Timothy; it was to be the content of his message.

**the word...** Remember, if a Pastor doesn't have **the word**, how can he preach it?

**Preach the word!** Paul's emphasis on the word of God has been constant. There are some 36 references to the true gospel in this letter and some 17 references to false teachings.

This constant emphasis makes Paul's point to Timothy:

- *Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord (2 Timothy 1:8)*
- *Hold fast the form of sound words (2 Timothy 1:13)*
- *The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men (2 Timothy 2:2)*
- *Rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15)*
- *A servant of the Lord ... apt to teach (2 Timothy 2:24)*
- *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God (2 Timothy 3:16)*

**be instant in season, out of season...** The faithful preacher must proclaim the Word when it is popular and/or convenient, and when it is not. When it seems suitable to do so, and when it seems not. The dictates of popular culture, tradition, reputation, acceptance, or esteem in the community (or in the church), must never alter the true preacher's commitment to proclaim God's Word.

## Paul said in Acts 20:27

<sup>27</sup> For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

**reprove, rebuke...** The negative side of preaching the Word. The Greek word for "**reprove**", refers to correcting behavior or false doctrine by using careful biblical argument to help a person understand the error of his actions. The Greek word for "**rebuke**", deals more with correcting the person's motives by convicting him of his sin and leading him to repentance.

**exhort ...** Doctrine: The positive side of preaching the "teaching" and "training".

**Reprove ...** This means to censure, as for a fault, and to express disapproval of the actions of others, certain]y a lost art in modern preaching.

**Rebuke ...** This is even a stronger word that means "to reprove sharply, to reprimand with authority." The preacher should never forget **WHOSE** word it is that he preaches.

**Exhort ...** The meaning here is "to urge by earnest appeal or argument," but it also carries the idea of persuasion.

**Note:** 2/3 of a Pastor's Ministry is Negative...

I really like the fact that Paul does not just say preach. He says preach the Word. The Word of God (Bible), is the power of the message, not man's words.

**"Being instant in season and out of season"** Again is just saying stay ready all the time. Preach whenever and wherever you have the opportunity. "Reprove" and "rebuke" mean to tell a fault. When you see a brother in error, tell him.

**with all longsuffering...** This is Patience: The success of the Gospel ministry should be patiently waited for as a Farmers do for the fruits of the earth. Those that give into error, and oppose themselves to the truth, should be instructed in meekness; and those who are overtaken in a fault should be gently rebuked, and restored in such a spirit; and every exhortation should be pressed as persons are able to bear it:

**and doctrine...** In a way that is instructive and teaching, and in agreement with the doctrine of The Bible, which are profitable for that purpose.

### Verse 3

<sup>3</sup>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;

\*\* NOTE/IMPORTANT, Remember the context here. Paul is reminding us that in The Last Days, SAVED CHRISTIANS REJECT SOUND DOCTRINE, HAVING ITCHING EARS.

**Question:** "What does 2 Timothy 4:3 mean by itching ears?"

**Answer:** The apostle Paul wrote a warning for the church: The time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. (2 Timothy 4:3).

The Greek word translated "itching" literally means "to itch, rub, scratch, or tickle." To want one's ears "tickled" is to desire massages rather than messages—sermons that charm rather than challenge, entertain rather than edify, and please rather than preach.

"Itching ears" is a figure of speech that refers to people's desires, felt needs, or wants. It is these desires that impel a person to believe whatever he wants to believe rather than the actual truth itself. When people have "itching ears," they decide for themselves what is right or wrong, and they seek out others to support their notions. "Itching ears" are concerned with what feels good or comfortable, not with the truth—after all, truth is often uncomfortable. Paul's warning is that the church would one day contain those who only opened their ears to those who would scratch their "itch."

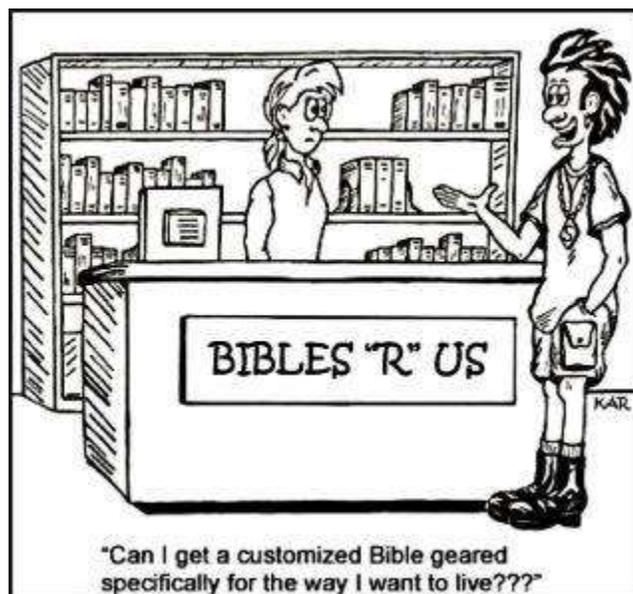
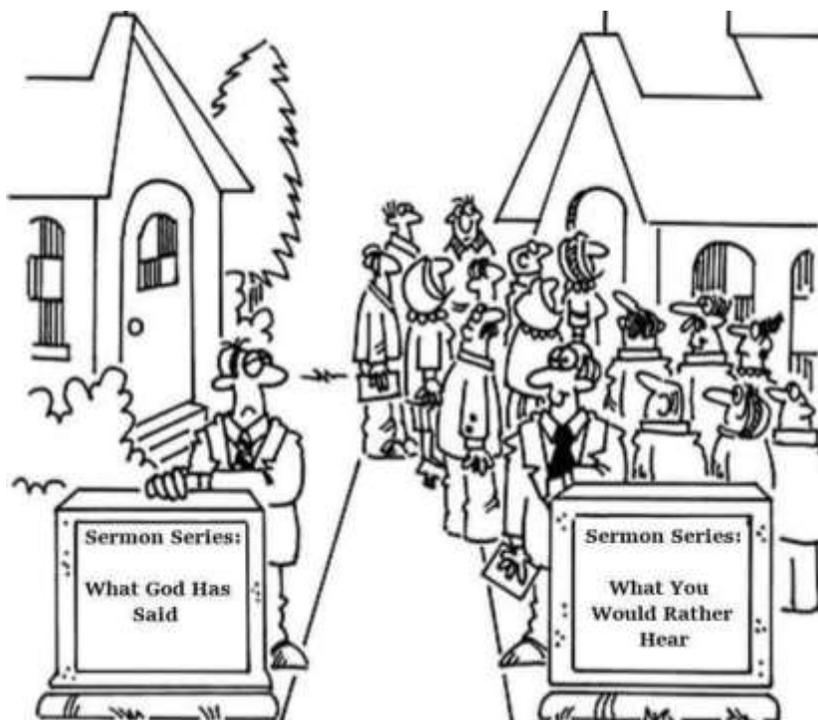
Those with "itching ears" only want teachers who will assure them that all is well.

Evidence today of people having "itching ears" includes the popularity of messages that people are not required to change, as if repentance were outmoded; that people are basically good; that God is too loving to judge anyone; that the cross, with all its blood, is not really necessary; and that God wants His children to be healthy, wealthy, and content in this world. As people turn their backs on the truth about sin and condemnation, they disregard their need for repentance and forgiveness. And a craving for "new" and "fresher" ideas grows—even though there is "nothing new under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 1:9–10)—accompanied by a longing to feel good about who

they are and where they're going. Messages that tickle ears can fill a lot of churches, sell a lot of books, and buy a lot of time on Cable TV.

In today's postmodern church, we see many walking away from the hard truth. Some churches that once preached sound doctrine now teach as acceptable the very evils the Bible condemns. Some pastors are afraid to preach on certain passages of the Bible. "Christian feminists" deny God as a heavenly Father, calling Him a "She." "Gay Christians" are not only welcomed without repentance into church fellowship but into the pulpit, as well.

**they heap to themselves teachers...** This reminds us that the most popular teachers are not necessarily the most faithful teachers.







**and shall be turned unto fables...**This refers to false ideology, viewpoints, and philosophies in various forms that oppose sound doctrine. Paul's and Peter's Warning about Fables:

1 Timothy 1:4, Neither give heed to fables.

1 Timothy 4:7, Refuse profane and old wives' fables.

2 Timothy 4:4, Shall be turned unto fables.

Titus 1:14, Not giving heed to Jewish fables.

2 Peter 1:16, Not followed cunningly devised fables.

**What happens when you close your ears to the Truth...**

**Acts 7:57-60**

<sup>57</sup> Then they cried out with a loud voice, **and stopped their ears**, and ran upon him with one accord,

<sup>58</sup> And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

<sup>59</sup> And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

<sup>60</sup> And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.



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### 2 Timothy 4, Paul's Charge to Timothy Continued, Verses 1-8:

#### Verse 5

<sup>5</sup>But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

**But watch thou in all things...** Timothy could not fulfill his ministry unless he kept careful attention, being watchful in all things. Every good shepherd has his eyes open.

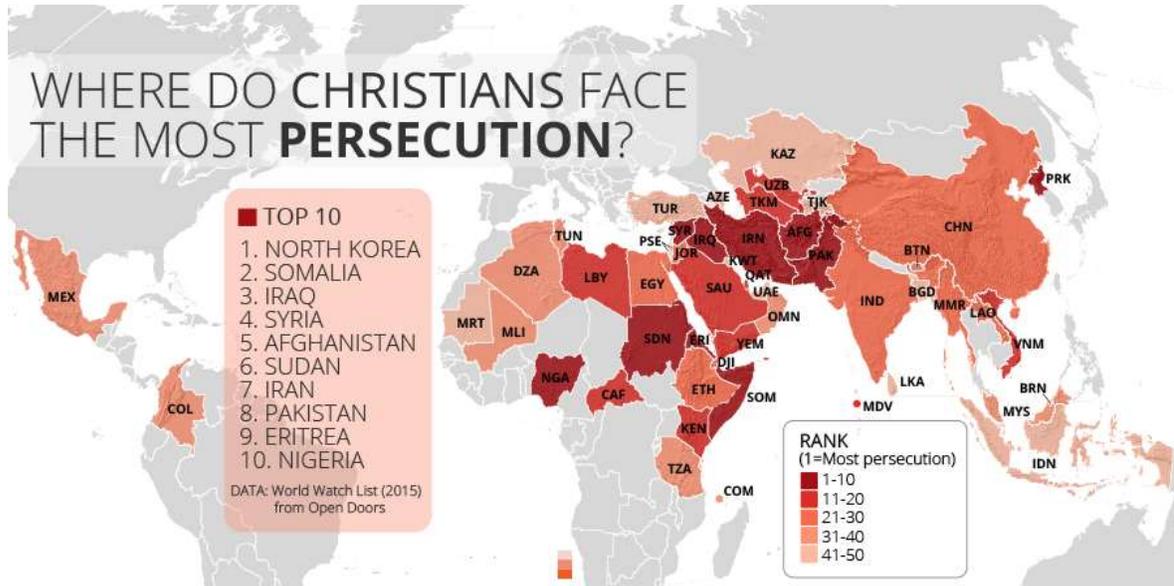


#### Hebrews 13:17

<sup>17</sup>Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: **for they watch for your souls**, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

**But watch thou in all things...** Relating to himself, his doctrine, his walk and conversation; and to others, to feed the flock of God under his care, to know the state of them, and care for them; to give the time of day and night, and notice of approaching danger, and see the doctrine of Christ put into application in their lives.

**endure afflictions...** In his watch Timothy (and all Christians) must be ready to suffer.



215 million Christians experience high levels of persecution in the countries on the world watch list. This represents 1 in 12 Christians worldwide.



**Every month:**

- **255 Christians are killed.**
- **104 are abducted.**
- **180 Christian women are raped, sexually assaulted or forced into marriage.**
- **66 churches are attacked.**
- **160 Christians are detained without trial and imprisoned.**

### **WHY PERSECUTION OCCURS**

#### **1. AUTHORITARIAN GOVERNMENTS SEEK TO CONTROL ALL RELIGIOUS THOUGHT AND EXPRESSION**

There are numerous reasons why Christians are persecuted. In some countries, severe abuse of Christians takes place under authoritarian governments. In the case of North Korea and other communist countries, authoritarian governments seek to control all religious thought and expression as part of a comprehensive plan to control all aspects of political and civic life. These governments regard some religious groups as enemies of the state because they hold religious beliefs that may challenge loyalty to the rulers.

#### **2. HOSTILITY TOWARDS NONTRADITIONAL AND MINORITY RELIGIOUS GROUPS**

Another reason why Christians are persecuted is hostility towards nontraditional and minority religious groups. For example, in Niger, more than 98 percent of the population is Islamic, and hostility comes more from society than from the government. Historically, Islam in West Africa has been moderate, but in the last 20 years, dozens of Islamic associations have emerged, like the Izala movement, which aims to restrict the freedom of 'deviant Muslims' and minority religious groups like Christians.

### 3. THE LACK OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS

The lack of basic human rights is another significant part of persecution in some countries. For instance, in Eritrea, there are violations of the freedom of expression, assembly, and religious belief and movement, in addition to extrajudicial killings, enforced disappearances, extended detention, torture, and indefinite national service, which cause many Eritreans to flee the country.

Freedom of religion, like all freedoms of thought and expression, is inherent. Our beliefs help define who we are and serve as a foundation for what we contribute to our societies. However, today, many people live under governments that abuse or restrict freedom of religion. Christians in such areas suffer deeply, and are denied basic freedoms that humans should be entitled to.

In 1948, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This declaration came as a result of the treatment of the Jews in Nazi Germany. The document states that every person is entitled to basic human rights. This reaffirmed the dignity and worth of all human beings no matter what a person's race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth, or other status. In 1966, the United Nations developed the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) in addition to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Article 18 of the ICCPR focuses on four elements of religious freedom:

- Everyone shall have the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion. This right shall include freedom to have or to adopt a religion or belief of his choice, and freedom, either individually or in community with others, and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in worship, observance, practice and teaching.
- No one shall be subject to coercion which would impair his freedom to have or to adopt a religion or belief of his choice.
- Freedom to manifest one's religion or beliefs may be subject only to such limitations as are prescribed by law and are necessary to protect public safety, order, health, or morals or the fundamental rights and freedoms of others.
- The States Parties to the present Covenant undertake to have respect for the liberty of parents and, when applicable, legal guardians to ensure the religious and moral education of their children in conformity with their own convictions.

**do the work of an evangelist...** The main part of a Pastor's job is to Preach the word and teach the word. To be an Evangelist is to leave the confines of the Church and Preach to the lost and win souls for The Lord. A Pastor is an Evangelist as well!

**make full proof of thy ministry...** Fulfil the ministry in all its requirements, leaving nothing undone.

#### **Acts 12:25**

<sup>25</sup>And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had **fulfilled their ministry**, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark.

#### **Colossians 4:17**

<sup>17</sup>And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, **that thou fulfil it**.

**Practical Application for Us:** It is easy to get side-tracked in the Christian life. We have to keep our eyes on the prize—being rewarded in heaven by Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 4:8). We must strive to avoid both false doctrine and ungodly practices. This can only be accomplished by

being grounded in our knowledge of God's Word and firm in our refusal to accept anything that is unbiblical.

### **Some Thoughts On The Ministry...**

A job is one you choose; A ministry is one Christ calls you into.

A job depends on your abilities; A ministry depends on your availability to God.

In a job you expect to receive; In a ministry you expect to give.

A job done well brings you self-esteem; A ministry done well brings honor to Jesus Christ.

In a job you give something to get something; In a ministry you return something that has already been given to you.

A job well done has temporal compensation; A ministry well done brings eternal rewards.

A job well done brings a Promotion, A ministry well done brings Persecution...

### **Verse 6**

<sup>6</sup>For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

Paul recognized that his earthly race was run and that the issue of his present imprisonment was certain to be his **execution**, an event he regarded as already in progress.

**For I am now ready to be offered...** Paul sees his death a pleasing **offering** to God, and a sweet departure to Him = **and the time of my departure is at hand.**

**the time of my departure is at hand...** Paul felt that he was in the airport and his flight to Heaven was ready to depart. He was waiting for his boarding call.

Paul has been sentenced to die, when he wrote these words. He wanted Timothy to know that he was ready to die for the gospel. He was actually looking forward to being with his Lord and being out of this life of hardship.

### **Philippians 1:21**

<sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, **and to die is gain.**

### **Verse 7 (Key Verse of Second Timothy)**

<sup>7</sup>I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

**I have fought a good fight...** That **good fight** with sin, the world, the flesh, and the devil, Paul now says he had been able to maintain a **good fight** throughout his life as a Christian.

**I have finished my course...** Throughout his ministry Paul used the picture of the race and the Christian being an athlete running that race. (Philippians 3:12-14, Acts 20:24, 1 Corinthians 9:24, Hebrews 12:1). Question: What were some other examples that Paul describes the job of a Christian in Second Timothy? \_\_\_\_\_

### **1 Corinthians 9:24-26**

<sup>24</sup>Know ye not that they which **run in a race run** all, but one receiveth the prize? **So run**, that ye may obtain.

<sup>25</sup>And every man that **striveth** for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

<sup>26</sup>I therefore so **run**, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

## Hebrews 12:1

**1** Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, **and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,**

Unlike the races which marked the Olympics, where only one received the prize, the Christian race allows that all who run lawfully and diligently may receive the prize: (2 Timothy 4:8).

The character of the Christian's fight: **It is a good fight, because it is in a Good Cause.**

**I have kept the faith...** Paul kept faith, upholding and maintaining it in and by his ministry; and has lived in the exercise of the grace of faith. Faith as the Bible knows it is confidence in God and His Son Jesus Christ. Faith is a miracle; it is the ability God gives to every person, but because of Freewill man can accept it = he has Faith, or reject it = he is Faithless. A good example of this is found:

### John 6:28-29

<sup>28</sup> Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

**This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent ...** In all the New Testament, there is not a more instructive verse than this which designates faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as **FAITH** performed by men, and the work of God **SAVES**. This statement demolishes the prevalent Protestant Reformed-Calvinist heresy that "There is nothing you can do to be saved!" Faith itself is something that must be done by **FREEWILL!**

### John 1:11-12 An example of Freewill Faith:

<sup>11</sup> He came unto his own, and his own **received him** not.

<sup>12</sup> **But** as many as **received him**, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, **even to them that believe on his name:**

**Faith** is to believe in Christ and accept the fact that there is nothing outside of **Faith** I can do to save myself, but to trust in the fact that God has promised that when I believe in Christ, my sins are forgiven and He declares me righteous before Him, even though I am still a sinner and **SAVES** me by **HIS GRACE**. Faith is not a work. Faith is being convinced or persuaded that this is true.

When you walk into a dark room, what comes first, the appearance of light or turning on the light switch?

Suppose someone sent you a check for \$1,000,000. The money is yours if you want it, but you still must endorse the check. In no way can signing your name be considered earning the million dollars—the endorsement is a non-work. You can never boast about becoming a millionaire through sheer effort or your own business savvy. No, the million dollars was simply a gift, and signing your name was the only way to receive it. Similarly, exercising **FAITH** is the only way to receive the generous gift of God.

### Titus 2:11

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God that bringeth salvation **hath appeared to all men,**

**Faith is not a work.** There are different things people can believe which lead to different results. It is simply being persuaded and convinced about what we have been told. When we **Believe-Faith** on Jesus for eternal life, we have become persuaded that Jesus, as the author and finisher of our faith, loves us, forgives us, and God freely grants eternal life to us by His GRACE.

### Verse 8

<sup>8</sup>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.

**Henceforth ...** Means that the next thing in order is for Paul to receive the crown.

### Crowns will be given to us Believers at The Judgment Seat of Christ.

**1. The Incorruptible Crown:** 1 Corinthians 9:24-25. The incorruptible crown for the Christian is the victor's crown for those who keep under the body and bring it into subjection. It is a conquering of the old nature. Paul calls this crown "**incorruptible**" in order to contrast it with the "**corruptible**" awards people pursued. It is therefore given to those individuals who demonstrate self-denial and moral perseverance.

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**2. The Crown of Rejoicing:** 1 Thessalonians 2:19 The Soul Winners Crown. It is given to people who engage in evangelism of those outside the Church.

### 1 Thessalonians 2:19

<sup>19</sup>For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?

Isn't it interesting that there's rejoicing in Heaven when a Soul is Saved!

### Luke 15:7-10

<sup>7</sup>I say unto you, that likewise **joy** shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it?

<sup>9</sup>And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

<sup>10</sup>Likewise, I say unto you, there is **joy** in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.



**3. The Crown of Life:** James 1:12, Revelation 2:10. Is given for those believers who endure trials, tribulations, and severe suffering, even unto death. This crown is also referred to as the Martyr's Crown.

### **James 1:12**

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive **the crown of life**, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

### **Revelation 2:10**

<sup>10</sup>Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee **a crown of life**.

Open Doors, a non-denominational group supporting persecuted Christians worldwide, reports it had documented 2,123 “martyr” killings in 2013, and you know what? Those 2123 are wearing The Crown of Life right now in Heaven! Amen!

**4. The Crown of Righteousness:** 2 Timothy 4:8 Is given to those who love the appearing of Christ, who anxiously wait and look forward to the day when He will return for His saints.

### **Titus 2:13 says:**

<sup>13</sup>Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

**5. The Crown of Glory:** 1 Peter 5:1-4. This is the Pastor’s crown and will be given to the Ministers who faithfully feed the flock of God. . This probably also includes Evangelists, Teachers, Sunday School Teachers, Missionaries and all those who teach the Word of God in their respective ministries.

**And one Day Church we’ll be giving them Crowns back to Jesus!**

### **Revelation 4:10-11**

<sup>10</sup>The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, **and cast their crowns before the throne**, saying,

<sup>11</sup>Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

And if you’re a Borned again Christian, God’s got a Crown for you, Amen!



**which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day...** At The Judgment Seat of Christ! Paul envisioned an awards ceremony where he would receive the crown that waited for him. Paul was about to be condemned and executed by an earthly court, but he was also going to be rewarded by a heavenly Lord. Now that his work on this earth is done, he is looking forward to standing before the Lord Jesus and hear Him say, well done, thy good and faithful servant.

**and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing...** One cannot escape the overwhelming emphasis upon the doctrine of the Second Coming in a statement like this.

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### Verse 9

<sup>9</sup>Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me:

Paul longed to see his beloved son, but it was of vital importance that Timothy quickly visit because Paul knew his days were numbered (verse 6).

Verses 9-13: Paul makes three personal requests. He asks Timothy

- (1) "To come" soon;
- (2) To "bring" along "Mark" because "he is profitable", which lets us know that the disagreement between Barnabas and Paul over John mark had been resolved (Acts 15:36-41); and
- (3) To bring his "cloak."

### Verse 10

<sup>10</sup>For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

**Demas hath forsaken me ...** Paul remembers those who have forsaken him. Some (like Demas) left him because they had loved this present world. Demas did not have love for the people of the world, he had love for this world and the things of this world. Demas was mentioned in Paul's earlier letters as a fellow worker but later he went astray (Colossians 4:14 and Philemon 24). His previous faithfulness made it all more painful for Paul.

**Crescens to Galatia...** In contrast to Demas, Crescens must have been faithful and dependable, since Paul sent him to Galatia, a Roman province in central Asia Minor, where Paul ministered during three of his missionary journeys. Little is known of Crescens.

**Titus unto Dalmatia ...** Paul's closest friend and coworker next to Timothy (Titus 1:5).

### **What happened to Demas?**

Maybe Demas feared being executed with Paul and fled to safety. Or maybe he succumbed to immorality. Or maybe he simply caved in to the relentless temptation of a more comfortable, prosperous life in the large, cosmopolitan, pluralistic, wealthy, culturally interesting city of Thessalonica.

Whatever it was, Paul saw it as embracing the world over Christianity.

#### **Verse 11**

<sup>11</sup>Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

**Only Luke is with me ...** The author of the Gospel of Luke and Acts, and Paul's devoted friend and personal physician. Luke, who had traveled with Paul on many of his missionary journeys, remained with Paul. Everyone else was gone. This was a significant contrast to Paul's first Roman imprisonment ten years before, where he received many visitors (Acts 28:30-31).

**Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry...** Or "Pick up Mark." The author of the Gospel of Mark. This is evidence of a restoration of trust in Mark from Paul. Paul had wanted nothing to do with him in Acts 15:36-40.

Mark is an example of a young man who failed in the Ministry and was reclaimed by Jesus. He was "profitable" to three Apostles (Barnabas, Peter and Paul) and ended up writing The Gospel of Mark.

\*\* Notice two Authors of The Gospels are working with Paul.

#### **Verse 12**

<sup>12</sup>And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus.

In verse 9 Paul wants Timothy to visit him in prison in Rome and sends Tychicus to fill in for Timothy in Ephesus.

#### **Verse 13**

<sup>13</sup>The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments.

In those days the arresting soldiers had claim to any extra garments in the possession of the one arrested. It may be that Paul was forewarned of the arrest and therefore committed his few books and this cloak – an outer garment – to the care of an honest man named Carpus.

#### **This cloak left in Troas shows us:**

- Paul gave up everything to serve Jesus (all he had at the end of his life was a cloak and a few books).
- Paul was almost completely forsaken by his friends (he apparently had no friends to lend or obtain a cloak for him in Rome).
- Paul had a very independent mind (he would not beg for a cloak).
- Paul did not care much for how he was dressed (he could have asked for more or for different articles of clothing).
- Paul was an ordinary man with ordinary needs.

**and the books, but especially the parchments...** One can only guess what rolls the old preacher longs to have with him, probably copies of Old Testament books, possibly copies of his own letters and notes, and other books he used and loved. An old preacher can be happy with his books.

## Verses 14 & 15

<sup>14</sup> Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works:

<sup>15</sup> Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words.

Paul had the attitude of the Psalmists in regard to revenge or retaliation, leaving it in God's hands:

### Psalm 62:12

12 Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

In **1 Timothy 1:20** Paul mentioned Alexander as someone whose faith had suffered shipwreck. Now Paul warned Timothy about this same man. Paul simply wrote that Alexander **did me much evil** – and that he would also oppose Timothy (**Of whom be thou ware also**).

**Coppersmith** = A worker of metals.

**did me much evil...** Perhaps Alexander was a traitor, an informer who betrayed Paul to the Roman government and was responsible for his current imprisonment. Perhaps the thought of he has **withstood our words** meant that Alexander was a witness against Paul at his first defense.

**the Lord reward him according to his works...** Alexander's judgment would be simple. It is a terrible thing to be judged according to one's **works, by the Lord**.

### Verse 16

<sup>16</sup> 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.

**no man stood with me, but all men forsook me ...** This does not mean that no one cared for the apostle, but that in his final hours he realized that only the Lord **stood** with him. Despite his impending execution, Paul was convinced that the "Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom." (Verse 18)

Those who forsook Paul, mentioned in verse 10, were guilty of forsaking him; but there was a difference in their sin and that of Alexander. These loved the apostle, and through fear and loving the world, failed to stand by him; but Alexander was an enemy of the truth; therefore, Paul breathed a prayer for these (**I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge**). Where as he gave Alexander to the judgment of God. His was a sin against the truth.

### Verse 17

<sup>17</sup> 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.

**Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me...** Paul was all alone, but Jesus stood by him and strengthened him.

### Deuteronomy 31:6

<sup>6</sup> Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

### Hebrews 13:5

<sup>5</sup> Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, **I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee**.

**that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear... A fulfilment of Paul's Ministry:**

**Acts 9:15-16**

15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, **to bear my name before the Gentiles**, and kings, and the children of Israel:

16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

**I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion...** Are a proverbial form of speech for deliverance from the most imminent danger. Scholars believe that Nero was the lion, because of his rage and oppressive cruelty.



“The Christian Martyrs’ Last Prayer” by Jean-Léon Gérôme, 1883.

**Verse 18**

<sup>18</sup> 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.

Paul is not speaking of being saved from physical death here. He is saying that God will be with him and not let him fall. He is looking forward to his heavenly rewards. He knows he will live in the kingdom of God. When he begins to think of the wonders of heaven, he burst out into praise: **...to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen!**

**Salutations and the final apostolic benediction, verses 19-22:**

<sup>19</sup> Salute Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.

This Prisca or Priscilla, and Aquilla, are often remembered by Paul, he lodged in their house at Corinth: The saints and servants of God forget not one another, when at the ends of one's life.

**Salute Prisca and Aquila ...** Longtime friends and co-workers. From their trade as tentmakers, from their work as Christian preachers. Their lives was one of constant change as they travelled and moved in their help and service towards Paul, first at Rome and then at Corinth (Acts 18:2),

then at Ephesus (Acts 18:18-19; Acts 18:26; 1 Corinthians 16:19), then at Rome again (Romans 16:3), lastly, as here, once more at Ephesus.

**and the household of Onesiphorus...** Who also lived at Ephesus, and whose kindness to the apostle, when he was at Rome, is before mentioned, 2 Timothy 1:16.

### Verse 20

<sup>20</sup>Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick.

**Erastus abode at Corinth...** Erastus was treasurer of that city, as we learn from Romans 16:23. The apostle had sent him and Timothy on a mission to Macedonia, Acts 19:22, when later he returned to Corinth, and there he finally settled.

**but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick...** Paul was a man used by God to perform remarkable miracles of healing (such as in Acts 14:8-10 and 19:11-20), yet he left **Trophimus sick**. This shows that even the Apostle Paul did not have miraculous healing powers to use at his own will. He could only give a gift of healing if it was God's will and timing.

### Verse 21

<sup>21</sup>Do thy diligence to come before winter. Eubulus greeteth thee, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brethren.

**Do thy diligence to come before winter...** Paul quite naturally dreaded the onset of cold weather, not having the cloak which he so much needed. Again, in this, he urged Timothy "to hurry." **before winter...** Because sailing in those seas was very dangerous in winter.

**Eubulus ...** Nothing is known of this man except what is written here.

**Pudens ...** This is all that Scripture reveals of him.

**Linus ...** His name appears nowhere else in Scripture

**Claudia...** Nothing is known of this man except what is written here.

**and all the brethren...** That is, of the Church of Rome, these all send greeting to Timothy.

### Verse 22

<sup>22</sup>The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.

**The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit...** He prays that **The Lord Jesus Christ** be with Timothy's (And all Believers) spirit, enlightening, strengthening, and confirming it to the end.

Paul is saying "Be not sad at my departure; for, though I must leave thee, yet the Lord will uphold thee by his grace, and be present with thee by the influence of the Holy Spirit."

**Grace be with you. Amen...** Which is the apostle's common salutation in all epistles.

\*\*At the end of this Epistle some add handwritten notes following the conclusion of this letter. These are not "Holy Scripture" just some ending notes:

-The Second Epistle to Timothy was written from Rome.

-To the man Timothy.

-End of the epistle; it was written from the city of Rome when Timothy had been constituted bishop over Ephesus; and when Paul had stood the second time in the presence of Nero Caesar, the Roman emperor. Praise to the Lord of glory, perpetual, perennial, and eternal! Amen, Amen, Amen.

-The Second Epistle to Timothy is ended, who was the first bishop of the Church of Ephesus. It was written from Rome when Paul had stood the second time before Nero, the Roman emperor.

-Written from Rome, and sent by Onesimus.

-The Second Epistle to Timothy is finished; that to Titus begins.

-The second to Timothy, written from Laodicea.

-The Second Epistle of Paul the Apostle to Timothy, ordained the first bishop of the Church of the Ephesians, was written from Rome when Paul was brought the second time before Nero Caesar.

**Conclusion: How did the Apostle Paul die? When was Apostle Paul's death? Did he die in Rome? Did the Romans behead him as tradition states?**

**Answer:** The Bible does not tell us the exact time or manner of the apostle Paul's death, and secular history has yet to provide us with any definitive information. However, evidence highly suggests the apostle Paul's death occurred after his fifth missionary journey ended in 67 A.D. Paul was likely beheaded by the Romans, under Emperor Nero, sometime around May or June of 68 A.D. Nero himself died by suicide on June 9th of the same year.

### **The Life of The Apostle Paul:**



### **Acts 7:58**

<sup>58</sup> And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was **Saul**.



The Conversion of St. Paul or, The Road to Damascus (oil on canvas)  
by Cuyp, Aelbert (1620-91); Musee de Picardie, Amiens, France.



The Beheading of Saint Paul by Enrique Simonet, 1887

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