

2 Timothy: Final Words to a Son in the Ministry

Greetings 1:1, 2; 4:19-22

A. Written by the Apostle Paul

1. “According to the promise of life in Christ Jesus”
As he faces imminent execution 4:6-8
2. From prison in Rome
1:8, 12
1:16, 17
2:8, 9
4:13-17, 21
3. Paul’s references to “Christ Jesus”
1:1, 2, 9, 10, 13
2:1, 3, 8, 10
3:12, 15
4:1

B. Written to Timothy in Ephesus

1. Paul’s Son in the Ministry
Acts 16:1-4
Philippians 2:19-24
2. At Ephesus
1 Timothy 1:1-3
2 Timothy 1:15-18; 4:19 *Command #28*
Acts 18:24-26; 21:29

Paul's Thanksgiving for Timothy: Remembrances and a Reminder 1:3-7

- A. I remember you in my prayers
 - 1. With thanksgiving to God
 - a. whom I serve with a clear conscience
 - b. as did my ancestors
 - 2. Constantly, day and night
- B. I remember your tears
 - 1. I long to see you
 - 2. Seeing you will fill me with joy
- C. I remember your sincere faith
 - 1. That dwelt in your grandmother, Louis
 - 2. That dwelt in your mother, Eunice
- D. I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God which is in you
Command #1
 - 1. Through the laying on of my hands
 - Acts 16:1-3
 - 1 Timothy 1:18
 - 1 Timothy 4:14
 - 2. Because God gave us a spirit
 - a. not of fear
 - b. but of power, love, and self-control

- I. **Paul Urges Timothy to be Unashamed to Suffer for the Gospel 1:8-2:13**
 - A. Timothy Urged to Join Paul in Suffering for the Gospel 1:8-14
 1. Do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord nor of me his prisoner *Command #2*
 2. Share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God *Command #3*
 - a. Who saved us and gave us a holy calling
 - (1) not because of our works
 - (2) because of his purpose and grace
 - (a) which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began
 - (b) which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ
 - (i) who abolished death
 - (ii) who brought life and immortality to light through the gospel
 - b. Paul uses himself as an example
 3. Follow the pattern of sound words that you have heard from me *Command #4*
 4. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you *Command #5*
 - B. Paul Informs Timothy of the Example of Onesiphorus 1:15-18
 1. Wrong example of Phygelus and Hermogenes
 2. Righteous example of Onesiphorus
 - a. Unashamed of my chains
 - b. Searched for me and found me
 - c. Often refreshed me
 - d. All the service he rendered in Ephesus
 - (1) may the Lord grant mercy to his household
 - (2) may the Lord grant him mercy on that Day

C. Paul Uses Analogies to Teach Timothy to be Unashamed to Suffer for the Gospel 2:1-7

1. Be strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus *Command #6*
2. What you have heard from me entrust to faithful men who will teach others *Command #7*
3. Share in suffering *Command #8*
 - a. Like a soldier
 - b. Like an athlete
 - c. Like a farmer
 - (1) meditate on this *Command #9*
 - (2) the Lord will give you understanding

D. Paul Instructs Timothy to Remember Jesus Christ 2:8-13
Command #10

1. Two key facts of the Gospel of Jesus Christ
 - a. Jesus is risen from the dead
 - b. Jesus is the offspring of David
2. The salvation that is in Christ Jesus
 - a. Comes with eternal glory
 - b. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of God's elect
3. A trustworthy saying about Christ Jesus
1 Timothy 1:15; 3:1; 4:7-9
Titus 3:8

**II. Instructions for Timothy Concerning God's Word And Godliness
2:14-3:17**

A. Avoid Ungodly Words: Rightly Handle the Word of Truth 2:14-19

1. Ungodly words 2:14, 16-18
 - a. Charge them not to quarrel about words *Command #11*
 - (1) does no good
 - (2) ruins the hearers

- b. Avoid irreverent babble *Command #12*
 - (1) leads people into more ungodliness 3:5, 12
1 Timothy 2:10; 4:7-9; 5:4; 6:3-6, 11
Titus 1:1; 2:11-14
 - (2) their talk will spread like gangrene
Example: Hymanaeus and Philetus
 - (a) swerved from the truth, teaching the resurrection is passed
 - (b) upsetting the faith of some

Cross References

1 Timothy	1:3-6	2 Timothy	2:14, 16-18	Titus	1:10-16
	4:1-3		2:23, 24		3:9-11
	6:3-6		3:5, 7-9, 13		
	6:20, 21		4:3, 4		

- 2. Concerning the word of truth 2:15, 19
 - a. Do your best to be approved by God *Command #13*
 - b. Have no need to be ashamed
 - c. Rightly handle the word of truth
 - d. God's foundation is secure
 - (1) The Lord knows those who are His
 - (2) Those who know the Lord must depart from iniquity
- B. Be a Vessel of Honor in God's House 2:20-26
- 1. Vessels of dishonor 2:20
 - 2. Vessels of honor 2:20-26
 - a. Gold and silver
 - b. Self-cleansing
 - c. Set apart as holy
 - d. Useful to the Master
 - e. Ready for every good work
 - f. Flee youthful passions *Command #14*
 - g. Pursue
 - (1) righteousness, faith, love and peace *Command #15*
 - (2) along with those who call on God with a pure heart

- h. Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies
Command #16
 - (1) they breed quarrels
 - (2) the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome

- i. Teach and correct
 - (1) with kindness and gentleness
 - (2) with patient endurance of evil
 - (3) with the hope that God will grant repentance
 - (a) leading to knowledge of the truth
 - (b) leading to escape from the snare of the devil

- 3. Understand the difficulty of being godly in the last days 3:1-17
Command #17
 - a. The ungodliness of people will get worse 3:1-9, 13
 - (1) People will be... 3:1-5
 - (2) Evil leaders will: 3:6-9, 13
 - (a) control weak willed people
 - (b) always be learning but never able to arrive at the truth
 - (c) oppose the truth like Jannes and Jambres
 - (d) be corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith
 - (e) will not get very far
 - (f) will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived

 - b. Timothy, continue in godliness 3:10-12, 14-17
 - (1) you have followed my godly example
 - (2) continue in the Scriptures *Command #18*
 - (a) you have learned from childhood
 - (b) they are God-breathed
 - (c) they are profitable for
 - (i) teaching
 - (ii) reproof
 - (iii) correction
 - (iv) training in righteousness
 - (v) making one competent
 - (vi) equipping for every good work

III. Paul's Final Charge to Timothy 4:1-8

A. The Charge 4:1-5

1. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus
 - a. In the presence of God
 - b. In the presence of Christ Jesus
 - (1) who is to judge the living and dead
 - (2) by his appearing
 - (3) by his kingdom
2. Preach the Word *Command #19*
 - a. When: In season, out of season
 - b. How:
 - (1) reprove, rebuke, exhort
 - (2) with complete patience and teaching
 - c. Why: Because people will turn away from truth
 - (1) not enduring sound doctrine
 - (2) with itching ears
 - (3) wandering off into myths
3. Fulfill your ministry *Command #20*
 - a. Always be sober minded *Command #21*
 - b. Endure suffering *Command #22*
 - c. Do the work of an evangelist *Command #23*

B. The Urgency of Paul's Situation 4:6-8

1. His death is near
 - a. Poured out like a drink offering
 - b. Time of his departure
2. Satisfaction of having completed his calling
 - a. The fight
 - b. The race
 - c. The faith
3. Looking forward to his crown of righteousness

IV. Paul's Personal Instructions for Timothy 4:9-18

- A. Come to me soon 4:9 *Command #24*
 - 1. Those who are gone 4:10, 12
 - 2. Luke alone is with me 4:11

- B. Bring with you:
 - 1. Mark, he is very useful to me *Command #25*
 - 2. The cloak, the books and the parchments *Command #26*

- C. At my first defense
 - 1. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm
 - a. The Lord will repay him
 - b. Beware of him yourself *Command #27*
 - c. He strongly opposed our message

 - 2. Standing by me
 - a. No one, all deserted me
 - b. The Lord stood by me
 - (1) to strengthen me
 - (2) to enable me to proclaim the message fully; that all the Gentiles might hear
 - (3) to deliver me from the lion's mouth

 - c. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom