

## 2 Timothy

### *Salutation*

<sup>1</sup> From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to further the promise of life in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> to Timothy, my dear child. Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord!

### *Thanksgiving and Charge to Timothy*

<sup>3</sup> I am thankful to God, whom I have served with a clear conscience as my ancestors did, when I remember you in my prayers as I do constantly night and day. <sup>4</sup> As I remember your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup> I recall your sincere faith that was alive first in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice, and I am sure is in you.

<sup>6</sup> Because of this I remind you to rekindle God's gift that you possess through the laying on of my hands. <sup>7</sup> For God did not give us a Spirit of fear but of power and love and self-control. <sup>8</sup> So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me, a prisoner for his sake, but by God's power accept your share of suffering for the gospel. <sup>9</sup> He is the one who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not based on our works but on his own purpose and grace, granted to us in Christ Jesus before time began, <sup>10</sup> but now made visible through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus. He has broken the power of death and brought life

and immortality to light through the gospel! <sup>11</sup> For this gospel I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher. <sup>12</sup> Because of this, in fact, I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, because I know the one in whom my faith is set and I am convinced that he is able to protect what has been entrusted to me until that day. <sup>13</sup> Hold to the standard of sound words that you heard from me and do so with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> Protect that good thing entrusted to you, through the Holy Spirit who lives within us.

<sup>15</sup> You know that everyone in the province of Asia deserted me, including Phygelus and Hermogenes. <sup>16</sup> May the Lord grant mercy to the family of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my imprisonment. <sup>17</sup> But when he arrived in Rome, he eagerly searched for me and found me. <sup>18</sup> May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day! And you know very well all the ways he served me in Ephesus.

## 2

<sup>1</sup> So you, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> And entrust what you heard me say in the presence of many others as witnesses to faithful people who will be competent to teach others as well. <sup>3</sup> Take your share of suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup> No one in military service gets entangled in matters of everyday life; otherwise he will not please the one who recruited him. <sup>5</sup> Also, if anyone competes as an athlete, he will not be crowned as the winner

unless he competes according to the rules. <sup>6</sup> The farmer who works hard ought to have the first share of the crops. <sup>7</sup> Think about what I am saying and the Lord will give you understanding of all this.

<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David; such is my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I suffer hardship to the point of imprisonment as a criminal, but God's message is not imprisoned! <sup>10</sup> So I endure all things for the sake of those chosen by God, that they too may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus and its eternal glory.

<sup>11</sup> This saying is trustworthy:

If we died with him, we will also live with him.

<sup>12</sup> If we endure, we will also reign with him.

If we deny him, he will also deny us.

<sup>13</sup> If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, since he cannot deny himself.

### *Dealing with False Teachers*

<sup>14</sup> Remind people of these things and solemnly charge them before the Lord not to wrangle over words. This is of no benefit; it just brings ruin on those who listen. <sup>15</sup> Make every effort to present yourself before God as a proven worker who does not need to be ashamed, teaching the message of truth accurately. <sup>16</sup> But avoid profane chatter, because those occupied with it will stray further and further into ungodliness, <sup>17</sup> and their message will spread its infection like gangrene. Hymenaeus and Philetus are in this group. <sup>18</sup> They have strayed from the truth by saying that the resurrection has already occurred, and they are

undermining some people's faith. <sup>19</sup> However, God's solid foundation remains standing, bearing this seal: "***The Lord knows those who are his,***"

and "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from evil."

<sup>20</sup> Now in a wealthy home there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also ones made of wood and of clay, and some are for honorable use, but others for ignoble use. <sup>21</sup> So if someone cleanses himself of such behavior, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart, useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. <sup>22</sup> But keep away from youthful passions, and pursue righteousness, faithfulness, love, and peace, in company with others who call on the Lord from a pure heart. <sup>23</sup> But reject foolish and ignorant controversies, because you know they breed infighting. <sup>24</sup> And the Lord's slave must not engage in heated disputes but be kind toward all, an apt teacher, patient, <sup>25</sup> correcting opponents with gentleness. Perhaps God will grant them repentance and then knowledge of the truth <sup>26</sup> and they will come to their senses and escape the devil's trap where they are held captive to do his will.

### 3

<sup>1</sup> But understand this, that in the last days difficult times will come. <sup>2</sup> For people will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> unloving, irreconcilable, slanderers, without self-control, savage, opposed to what is good, <sup>4</sup> treacherous, reckless, conceited,

loving pleasure rather than loving God. <sup>5</sup> They will maintain the outward appearance of religion but will have repudiated its power. So avoid people like these. <sup>6</sup> For some of these insinuate themselves into households and captivate weak women who are overwhelmed with sins and led along by various passions. <sup>7</sup> Such women are always seeking instruction, yet never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth. <sup>8</sup> And just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these people – who have warped minds and are disqualified in the faith – also oppose the truth. <sup>9</sup> But they will not go much further, for their foolishness will be obvious to everyone, just like it was with Jannes and Jambres.

### *Continue in What You Have Learned*

<sup>10</sup> You, however, have followed my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, my faith, my patience, my love, my endurance, <sup>11</sup> as well as the persecutions and sufferings that happened to me in Antioch, I endured these persecutions and the Lord delivered me from them all. <sup>12</sup> Now in fact all who want to live godly lives in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. <sup>13</sup> But evil people and charlatans will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived themselves. <sup>14</sup> You, however, must continue in the things you have learned and are confident about. You know who taught you <sup>15</sup> and how from infancy you have known the holy writings, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> Every

scripture is inspired by God and useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the person dedicated to God may be capable and equipped for every good work.

## 4

<sup>1</sup> I solemnly charge you before God and Christ Jesus, who is going to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup> Preach the message, be ready whether it is convenient or not, reprove, rebuke, exhort with complete patience and instruction. <sup>3</sup> For there will be a time when people will not tolerate sound teaching. Instead, following their own desires, they will accumulate teachers for themselves, because they have an insatiable curiosity to hear new things. <sup>4</sup> And they will turn away from hearing the truth, but on the other hand they will turn aside to myths. <sup>5</sup> You, however, be self-controlled in all things, endure hardship, do an evangelist's work, fulfill your ministry. <sup>6</sup> For I am already being poured out as an offering, and the time for me to depart is at hand. <sup>7</sup> I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith! <sup>8</sup> Finally the crown of righteousness is reserved for me. The Lord, the righteous Judge, will award it to me in that day - and not to me only, but also to all who have set their affection on his appearing.

### *Travel Plans and Concluding Greetings*

<sup>9</sup> Make every effort to come to me soon. <sup>10</sup> For Demas deserted me, since he loved the present

age, and he went to Thessalonica. Crescens went to Galatia and Titus to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup> Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is a great help to me in ministry. <sup>12</sup> Now I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. <sup>13</sup> When you come, bring with you the cloak I left in Troas with Carpas and the scrolls, especially the parchments. <sup>14</sup> Alexander the coppersmith did me a great deal of harm. *The Lord will repay him in keeping with his deeds.* <sup>15</sup> You be on guard against him too, because he vehemently opposed our words. <sup>16</sup> At my first defense no one appeared in my support; instead they all deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. <sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message would be fully proclaimed for all the Gentiles to hear. And so I was delivered from the lion's mouth! <sup>18</sup> The Lord will deliver me from every evil deed and will bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever! Amen.

<sup>19</sup> Greetings to Prisca and Aquila and the family of Onesiphorus. <sup>20</sup> Erastus stayed in Corinth. Trophimus I left ill in Miletus. <sup>21</sup> Make every effort to come before winter. Greetings to you from Eubulus, Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brothers and sisters. <sup>22</sup> The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

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