2 Timothy

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of
God, according to the promise of life that is in
Christ Jesus,
2 to Timothy, a beloved child: grace, mercy,
and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus
our Lord.
3 I thank God, whom I serve with a pure
conscience as my forebears did, as I remember
you without ceasing in my petitions night and
day,
4 longing to see you, remembering your tears,
so that I may be filled with joy,
5 having been reminded of the sincere faith in
you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois
and your mother Eunice, and I am convinced
also dwells in you.
6 For this reason I remind you to rekindle the
gift of God that is in you through the laying on of
my hands.
7 For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice,
but of power and love and self-control.
8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the
testimony of our Lord or of me, his prisoner, but
share in suffering for the gospel according to the
power of God,
9 who saved us and called us with a holy
calling, not according to our works but
according to his own purpose and grace, given
to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,

10 but now revealed through the appearing of
our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death
and brought life and immortality to light
through the gospel,
11 for which I was appointed a herald and an
apostle and a teacher.
12 For this reason I also suffer these things, but
I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have
believed, and I am convinced that he is able to
guard what I have entrusted to him until that
day.
13 Hold to the pattern of sound words you
heard from me, in the faith and love that are in
Christ Jesus.
14 Guard the good deposit through the Holy
Spirit who dwells in us.

15 You know that all those in Asia turned away
from me, among them Phygelus and
Hermogenes.
16 May the Lord grant mercy to the household
of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me
and was not ashamed of my chain,
17 but when he was in Rome, he sought me
diligently and found me.
18 May the Lord grant him to find mercy from
the Lord on that day. And you know better how
much service he rendered in Ephesus.

2

1 You, then, my child, be strengthened in the
grace that is in Christ Jesus,

2 and what you heard from me before many
witnesses, entrust to faithful people who will
also be able to teach others.
3 Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ
Jesus.
4 No one serving as a soldier entangles himself
in the affairs of life, so that he may please the
one who enlisted him.
5 And if someone competes as an athlete, he is
not crowned unless he competes according to
the rules.
6 The farmer who labors ought to be the first
to share in the crops.
7 Consider what I say, for the Lord will give
you understanding in everything.
8 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead,
descended from David, according to my gospel,
9 for which I suffer hardship even to chains as
a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.
10 For this reason I endure everything for the
sake of the chosen ones, so that they too may
obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with
eternal glory.
11 The saying is trustworthy:
if we died with him, we will also live with him;
12 if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he too will deny us;
13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he
cannot deny himself.
14 Remind them of these things, solemnly
charging them before the Lord not to battle over
words, which is of no use and ruins those who
hear.

15 Make every effort to present yourself
approved to God, a worker who has no need to
be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.
16 But avoid profane empty talk, for those who
engage in it will advance further in ungodliness,
17 and their word will spread like gangrene.
Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,
18 who have missed the mark concerning the
truth, saying that the resurrection has already
taken place, and overturn the faith of some.
19 Nevertheless God's firm foundation stands,
having this seal: “The Lord knows those who are
his,” and, “Let everyone who names the name of
the Lord depart from unrighteousness.”
20 Now in a large house there are not only
vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and
clay, some for honor and some for dishonor.
21 Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from
these, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified,
useful to the master, prepared for every good
work.
22 Flee youthful desires, and pursue
righteousness, faith, love, and peace with those
who call on the Lord from a pure heart.
23 But refuse foolish and ignorant disputes,
knowing that they breed quarrels.
24 The Lord's slave must not quarrel, but must
be gentle toward everyone, able to teach, patient
under mistreatment,
25 correcting those who oppose him with
gentleness; perhaps God may grant them
repentance leading to the knowledge of the
truth,

26 and they may come to their senses and
escape from the devil's snare, having been
captured by him to do his will.

3

1 But know this: in the last days difficult times
will come.
2 For people will be lovers of themselves,
lovers of money, boastful, arrogant,
blasphemous, disobedient to parents,
ungrateful, unholy,
3 without natural affection, implacable,
slanderers, without self-control, brutal, not
loving what is good,
4 traitors, reckless, conceited, lovers of
pleasure rather than lovers of God,
5 having a form of godliness but having denied
its power. Turn away from these people too.
6 For among them are those who slip into
households and take captive weak women
burdened with sins, led by various desires,
7 always learning and never able to come to
the knowledge of the truth.
8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses,
so these also oppose the truth, people corrupted
in mind, disqualified concerning the faith.
9 But they will advance no further, for their
folly will be evident to everyone, as that of those
men also became.
10 But you followed my teaching, conduct,
purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance,
11 persecutions, and sufferings, such as
happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra.

What persecutions I endured! And out of them
all the Lord rescued me.
12 Indeed, all who desire to live godly lives in
Christ Jesus will be persecuted,
13 while evil people and impostors will
advance from bad to worse, deceiving and being
deceived.
14 But you, continue in what you learned and
became convinced of, knowing from whom you
learned it,
15 and that from infancy you have known the
sacred writings, which are able to make you
wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
16 All Scripture is God-breathed and useful for
teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training
in righteousness,
17 so that the man of God may be complete,
equipped for every good work.

4

1 I solemnly charge you before God and Christ
Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead,
and by his appearing and his kingdom:
2 proclaim the word; be ready in season and
out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all
patience and teaching.
3 For a time will come when they will not
endure sound teaching, but with itching ears
they will pile up teachers for themselves
according to their own desires,
4 and turn their hearing away from the truth
and turn aside to myths.

5 But you, be sober in everything, endure
hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill
your ministry.
6 For I am already being poured out as a drink
offering, and the time of my departure has come.
7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished
the race, I have kept the faith.
8 From now on there is reserved for me the
crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the
righteous judge, will give me on that day, and
not only to me but also to all who have loved his
appearing.
9 Make every effort to come to me soon,
10 for Demas deserted me, having loved the
present age, and went to Thessalonica. Crescens
went to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.
11 Only Luke is with me. Take Mark and bring
him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry.
12 I sent Tychicus to Ephesus.
13 When you come, bring the cloak I left in
Troas with Carpus, and the books, especially the
parchments.
14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much
harm. The Lord will repay him according to his
works.
15 You too must guard against him, for he
strongly opposed our words.
16 At my first defense no one came to my side,
but everyone deserted me. May it not be
counted against them.
17 But the Lord stood beside me and
strengthened me, so that through me the
proclamation might be fully made and all the

Gentiles might hear, and I was rescued from the
lion's mouth.
18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil
work and bring me safely into his heavenly
kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever.
Amen.
19 Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household
of Onesiphorus.
20 Erastus remained in Corinth, and I left
Trophimus ill in Miletus.
21 Make every effort to come before winter.
Eubulus, Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the
brothers and sisters greet you.
22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with
you.

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