

2ND TIMOTHY

¹ Paul, [*the*] apostle of Jesus Christ, by the will of God, by the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

² to Timothy, his most dearworthy son, grace, mercy, and peace of God the Father, and of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

³ I do thankings to my God, to whom I serve from my progenitors [*or my ancestors*], in clean conscience, that without ceasing I have mind of thee in my prayers, night and day,

⁴ desiring to see thee; having mind of thy tears, [*or mindful of thy tears*], that I be [*ful*] filled with joy.

⁵ And I bethink of that faith, that is in thee not feigned, which also dwelled first in thine aunt Lois, and in thy mother Eunice. And I am certain, that also in thee.

⁶ For which cause I admonish thee, that thou raise again the grace of God, that is in thee by the setting on [*or the on-putting*] of mine hands.

⁷ For why God gave not to us the spirit of dread, but of virtue, and of love, and of soberness.

⁸ Therefore do not thou shame the witnessing of our Lord Jesus Christ, neither me, his prisoner; but travail thou together in the gospel by the virtue of God;

⁹ that delivered us, and called with his holy calling, not after our works, but by his purpose

and grace, that is given [*to us*] in Christ Jesus before worldly times;

¹⁰ but now it is open by the lightening of our Saviour Jesus Christ, which destroyed death, and lightened life and uncorruption by the gospel.

¹¹ In which I am set a preacher and apostle, and master of heathen men.

¹² For which cause also I suffer these things; but I am not confound-ed. For I know to whom I have believed, and I am certain that he is mighty to keep that is taken to my keeping, into that day.

¹³ Have thou the form of whole-some words, which thou heardest of me in faith and love in Christ Jesus.

¹⁴ Keep thou the good [*deposit, or thing*], taken to thy keeping by the Holy Ghost, that dwelleth in us.

¹⁵ Thou knowest this, that all that be in Asia be turned away from me, of which is Phygellus and Hermogenes.

¹⁶ The Lord give mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, for oft he refreshed me, and shamed not my chain.

¹⁷ But when he came to Rome, he sought me busily, and found [*me*].

¹⁸ The Lord give to him to find mercy of God in that day. And how great things he ministered to me at Ephesus, thou knowest better.

CHAPTER 2

¹ Therefore thou, my son, be comforted in grace that is in Christ Jesus.

² And what things thou hast heard of me by many witnesses, betake thou these to faithful men, which shall be able also to teach other men.

³ Travail thou as a good knight of Christ Jesus.

⁴ No man holding knighthood to God, *[en]* wrappeth himself with worldly needs, that he please to him, to whom he hath proved himself.

⁵ For he that fighteth in a battle, shall not be crowned, but he fight lawfully.

⁶ It behooveth an earth-tiller to receive first of the fruits.

⁷ Understand thou what things I say. For the Lord shall give to thee understanding in all things.

⁸ Be thou mindful that the Lord Jesus Christ of the seed of David hath risen again from death, after my gospel,

⁹ in which I travail unto bonds, as working evil, but the word of God is not bound.

¹⁰ Therefore I suffer *[or I sustain]* all things for the chosen, that also they get the health that is in Christ Jesus, with heavenly glory.

¹¹ A true word *[is this that I say]*, that if we be dead together *[to the world]*, also we shall live together *[in bliss]*;

¹² if we suffer *[or if we sustain]*, we shall reign together *[with Christ]*; if we deny *[him]*, he shall deny us;

¹³ if we believe not, he dwelleth faithful, he may not deny himself.

¹⁴ Teach thou these things, witness-ing before God. Do not thou strive in words; for to nothing

it is profitable, but to the subverting of men that hear.

¹⁵ Busily keep [*or Take care*] to give thyself a proved, praiseable workman to God, without shame, rightly treating the word of truth.

¹⁶ But eschew thou [*or shun thou*] unholy and vain speeches, for why those profit much to unfaithfulness,

¹⁷ and the word of them creepeth as a canker. Of whom Philetus is, and Hymenaeus,

¹⁸ which felled down from the truth, saying that the rising-again is now done, and they subverted [*or turned upside-down*] the faith of some men.

¹⁹ But the firm fundament of God standeth, having this mark, The Lord knoweth which be his, and, Each man that nameth the name of the Lord, departeth from wickedness.

²⁰ But in a great house be not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of tree, and of earth; and so some *be* into honour, and some into despite.

²¹ Therefore, if any man cleanseth himself from these, he shall be a vessel hallowed into honour, and profitable to the Lord, ready to all good work.

²² And flee thou [*the*] desires of youth, but follow thou rightwiseness, faith, charity, peace, with them that inwardly call [*or that in-call*] the Lord of a clean heart.

²³ And eschew thou [*or shun*] foolish questions, and without knowing, [*or discipline*], witting that those engender chidings.

²⁴ But it behooveth the servant of the Lord to chide not; but to be mild to all men, able to teach, patient,

²⁵ with temperance reproving them that against-stand the truth, that some-time God give to them repenting [*or penance*], that they know the truth,

²⁶ and that they rise again from the snares of the devil, of whom they be held prisoners at his will.

CHAPTER 3

¹ But know thou this thing, that in the last days perilous times shall nigh,

² and men shall be loving them-selves, covetous, high of bearing, proud, blasphemers, not obedient to father and mother, unkind, cursed,

³ without affection, [*or good will*], without peace, false blamers [*or false challengers*], uncontinent, [*or unchaste*], unmild, without benig-nity,

⁴ traitors, over-thwart [*or froward*], swollen [*or blown*]*with proud thoughts*, blind, lovers of lusts more than of God,

⁵ having the likeness of piety, but denying the virtue of it. And eschew thou these *men*.

⁶ Of these they be that pierce houses, and lead women captives [*or and lead little women captive*], charged with sins, which be led with diverse desires,

⁷ evermore learning, and never perfectly coming to the science, [*or to the knowing*], of truth.

⁸ And as Jannes and Jambres against-stood Moses, so these against-stand the truth, men

corrupt in understanding [*or in soul*], reproved about the faith.

⁹ But further they shall not profit, for the unwisdom of them shall be known to all men, as theirs was.

¹⁰ But thou hast gotten my teaching [*or my doctrine*], ordinance, purposing [*or purpose*], faith, long abiding, love, patience,

¹¹ persecutions, passions, which were made to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra, what manner persecutions I suffered, and the Lord hath delivered me of all.

¹² And all men that will live faithfully [*or piously*] in Christ Jesus, shall suffer persecution.

¹³ But evil men and deceivers shall increase into worse, erring [*them-selves*], and sending [*others*] into error.

¹⁴ But dwell thou in these things that thou hast learned, and that be betaken to thee, witting of whom thou hast learned;

¹⁵ for thou hast known holy letters from thy youth, which may learn thee [*or may inform thee*] to health, by faith that is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶ For all scripture inspired of God is profitable to teach, to reprove, to chastise, [*for*] to learn in rightwiseness,

¹⁷ that the man of God be perfect, learned to all good work[s].

CHAPTER 4

¹ I witness before God and Christ Jesus, that shall deem the quick and the dead, by the coming of him, and he kingdom of him,

² preach the word, be thou busy covenantly without rest, reprove thou, beseech thou, blame thou in all patience and doctrine.

³ For time shall be, when men shall not suffer [*or not sustain*] whole-some teaching, but at their desires they shall gather together to themselves masters itching [*or pleasing*] to the ears.

⁴ And truly they shall turn away the hearing from truth, but to fables they shall turn.

⁵ But wake thou, in all things travail thou, do [*thou*] the work of an evangelist, fulfill thy service, [*or office*], be thou sober.

⁶ For I am sacrificed now, and the time of my departing is nigh.

⁷ I have striven a good strife, I have ended the course, I have kept the faith.

⁸ In the tother time a crown of rightwiseness is kept to me, which the Lord, a just doomsman, shall yield to me in that day; and not only to me, but also to these that love his coming.

⁹ Hie thou to come to me soon.

¹⁰ For Demas, loving this world, hath forsaken me, and went to Thessalonica, Crescens into Galatia, Titus into Dalmatia;

¹¹ Luke alone is with me. Take thou Mark, and bring with thee; for he is profitable to me into service.

¹² Forsooth I sent Tychicus to Ephesus.

¹³ The cloth which I left at Troas at Carpas, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but most the parchments.

¹⁴ Alexander, the treasurer, showed to me much evil; the Lord shall yield to him after his works.

¹⁵ Whom also thou eschew; for he againststood full greatly our words.

¹⁶ In my first defence no man helped me, but all forsook me; be it not areckoned to them.

¹⁷ But the Lord helped me [*for the Lord stood nigh to me*], and comforted me, that the preaching be [*full*]-filled by me, and that all folks hear, that I am delivered from the mouth of the lion.

¹⁸ And the Lord delivered me from all evil work, and shall make me safe into his heavenly kingdom, to whom *be* glory into worlds of worlds. Amen.

¹⁹ Greet well Prisca, and Aquila, and the house of Onesiphorus.

²⁰ Erastus left [*or dwelt*] at Corinth, and I left Trophimus sick at Miletum.

²¹ Hie thou to come before winter. Eubulus, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all brethren, greet thee well.

²² Our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with thy spirit. The grace of God *be* with you. Amen.

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