

SECOND TIMOTHY

1:1 Paul, *an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God in-relation-to the promise of life in Christ Jesus,* ²*to Timothy, beloved child: Grace, mercy, peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.*

I Give Thanks For Your Sincere Faith, And Remind You To Rekindle The Gift of God In You

³I have gratitude *to God, Whom I have served from my ancestors with a clean conscience, as I have unceasing remembrance concerning you in my prayers by night and by day—* ⁴*yearning to see you, having remembered your tears, in order that I may be filled with joy;* ⁵*having received a reminder of the sincere faith in you which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice. And I am convinced that it is also in you,* ⁶*for which reason I am reminding you to be rekindling the gift of God which is in you through the laying-on of my hands.* ⁷*For God did not give us a spirit of fearfulness, but of power and love and a sound-mind.*

Suffer Hardship With Me For The Gospel. Hold The Teachings In Faith And Love

⁸Therefore, do not be ashamed-of the testimony *of our Lord nor me His prisoner, but suffer-hardship-with me for the good-news according-to the power of God:* ⁹*the One having saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according-to our works but according to His own purpose and grace— it having been given to us in Christ Jesus before eternal times* ¹⁰*but now having been revealed through the appearance of our Savior Christ Jesus, He having abolished death and brought-to-light life and immortality through the good-news* ¹¹*for which I was appointed a proclaimer and apostle and teacher,* ¹²*for which reason I also am suffering these things. But I am not ashamed, for I know in Whom I have believed and am convinced that He is able to guard my deposit until that day.* ¹³*Be holding the pattern of healthy words which you heard from me in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.* ¹⁴*Guard the good deposit through the Holy Spirit dwelling in us.*

For Some Have Turned Away From Me. But Not All

¹⁵You know this— that all the *ones* in Asia turned-away-from me, *among* whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes. ¹⁶May the Lord grant mercy *to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed-of my chain,* ¹⁷*but having come-to-be in Rome, he sought me diligently and found me.* ¹⁸May the Lord grant him to find mercy from *the Lord* on that day. And **you** know very-well how many *things* he ministered in Ephesus.

Become Strong In Grace, My Child, And Suffer Hardship With Me Like a Good Soldier

2:1 Therefore **you,** my child, become-strong in the grace in Christ Jesus. ²And *the things* which you heard from me through many witnesses, these *things* deposit *with faithful people who will be competent to teach others also.* ³Suffer-hardship with *me* like a good soldier *of Christ Jesus.*

Consider the Soldier, Athlete And Farmer

⁴No one while serving-as-a-soldier entangles *himself* in the affairs *of life, in order that he may please the one having enlisted him.* ⁵And also if one competes [in an athletic contest], he is not crowned unless he competes lawfully. ⁶The laboring farmer must *be* first to receive-a-share *of the fruits.* ⁷Be considering what I am saying, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

Remember Jesus Christ And The Gospel For Which I Am Imprisoned

⁸Be remembering Jesus Christ having been raised from *the dead, from the seed of David, according to my good-news—* ⁹*in connection with which I am suffering-hardship to the point of imprisonment like a criminal. Nevertheless the Word of God has not been bound!* ¹⁰For this reason, I am enduring all *things* for the sake of the chosen *ones, in order that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.*

If We Endure, We Will Reign With Him. He Will Be Faithful To Us

¹¹The saying *is* trustworthy— for if we died-with *Him, we will also live-with Him;* ¹²*if we are enduring, we will also reign-with Him; if we shall deny Him, that One also will deny us;* ¹³*if we are faithless, that One remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.* ¹⁴Be reminding *them* of these *things, solemnly-warning in the sight of God not to battle-about-words for nothing useful, to the overthrow of the ones hearing.*

Be Diligent To Present Yourself As an Approved Worker of The Word of Truth

¹⁵Be diligent to present yourself approved *to God, a worker not-needing-to-be-ashamed, cutting-straight the word of truth.*

Shun Worthless Talk. Be an Honorable, Useful Vessel Prepared For Good Works

¹⁶But be shunning the profane empty-chatterings. For they will advance further *in ungodliness,* ¹⁷*and their talk will have a spreading like gangrene— of whom are Hymenaeus and Philetus,* ¹⁸*who missed-the-mark with regard to the truth, saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and are overturning the faith of some.* ¹⁹Nevertheless, the firm foundation *of God* stands, having this seal— “*The Lord knows the ones being His*” and “*Let everyone naming the name of the Lord depart from*

unrighteousness”.²⁰ Now in a large house there are not only golden and silver vessels, but also wooden and made-of-clay—even some for honor and others for dishonor.²¹ If then one cleanses himself from these *things*, he will be a vessel for honor—having been sanctified, useful to the Master, having been prepared for every good work.

Flee Youthful Desires. Pursue Righteousness, Faith, Love And Peace

²² And be fleeing the youthful desires, and be pursuing righteousness, faith, love, peace, with the *ones* calling-upon the Lord from a pure heart.

Decline Foolish Controversies. Be Kind, Skillful At Teaching, Gentle At Correcting

²³ And be declining the foolish and ignorant controversies, knowing that they breed battles.²⁴ And a slave of the Lord must not battle, but *must* be kind to everyone, skillful-at-teaching, forbearing,²⁵ correcting the *ones* opposing with gentleness, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading-to the knowledge of the truth²⁶ and they may return-to-their-senses from the snare of the devil, having been caught by him, for the will of that *one*.

Know That Difficult Times Will Come, And Turn Away From The Ungodly

3:1 But know this—that during the last days difficult times will be present.² For the people will be self-lovers, money-lovers, boasters, proud, blasphemous, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,³ unaffectionate, unreconcilable, slanderous, without-self-control, untamed, not-lovers-of-good,⁴ traitors, reckless, having become conceited, pleasure-lovers rather than God-lovers,⁵ holding a form of godliness but having denied the power of it. Indeed, be turning-away-from these *ones*.

For They Deceive The Ignorant And Oppose The Truth

⁶ For from these are the *ones* creeping into the houses and taking-captive little-women— *women* having been heaped with sins, being led by various desires,⁷ always learning and never being able to come to the knowledge of the truth.⁸ And the way Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, in this manner these also oppose the truth— people having been corrupted as to the mind, disapproved with respect to the faith.⁹ But they will not advance further, for their folly will be very-evident to everyone, as also the *folly* of those *two* came-to-be.

Continue In The Teaching And Lifestyle You Have Seen In Me And Learned From The Scriptures

¹⁰ Now **you** closely-followed my teaching, way-of-life, purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance,¹¹ persecutions, sufferings— such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra. Such persecutions I endured! And the Lord delivered me out of *them* all!¹² And indeed all the *ones* wanting to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.¹³ And evil people and impostors will advance to the worse, deceiving and being deceived.¹⁴ But **you**, be continuing in the *things* which you learned and were convinced-of, knowing from whom you learned,¹⁵ and that from babyhood you *have* known the sacred writings being able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus!

All Scripture Is God-Breathed, And Profitable For Equipping Us For Good Works

¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed, and profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness,¹⁷ in order that the person of God may be complete, having been equipped for every good work.

I Solemnly Charge You To Proclaim The Word, For People Will Turn Away From The Truth

4:1 I solemnly-charge *you* in the sight of God and Christ Jesus, the *One* going-to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearance and His kingdom—² proclaim the Word. Stand-at *it* in-season, out-of-season. Rebuke, warn, exhort, with all patience and instruction.³ For there will be a time when they will not bear-with healthy teaching, but while itching with respect to the hearing, they will heap-up teachers for themselves in accordance with *their* own desires.⁴ And they will turn the hearing away from the truth and be turned-aside to myths.⁵ But **you**, be sober in all *things*, suffer-hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

For The Time of My Departure Is Near. I Have Finished My Course

⁶ For **I** am already being poured-out, and the time of my departure has stood-near.⁷ I have fought the good fight. I have finished the course. I have kept the faith.⁸ Henceforth, the crown of righteousness is reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will render to me on that day— and not only to me, but also to all the *ones* having loved His appearance.

Closing Words

⁹ Be diligent to come to me quickly.¹⁰ For Demas deserted me, having loved the present age, and went to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.¹¹ Luke only is with me. Having picked-up Mark, bring *him* with yourself, for he is useful to me for service.¹² And I sent-forth Tychicus to Ephesus.¹³ While coming, bring the cloak which I left-behind in Troas with Carpus, and the books— especially the parchments.

¹⁴ Alexander the coppersmith showed many evil *things* against me—the Lord will render to him according to his works—¹⁵ as to whom **you** also be guarding *yourself*, for he greatly opposed our words.

¹⁶At my first defense no one was present *with* me, but they all deserted me. May it not be counted *against* them. ¹⁷But the Lord stood-by me and strengthened me, in order that through me the proclamation might be fulfilled and all the Gentiles might hear. And I was delivered out of *a* lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will deliver me from every evil work and save *me* into His heavenly kingdom— *to* Whom *be* the glory forever and ever, amen.

¹⁹Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household *of* Onesiphorus. ²⁰Erastus remained in Corinth, but I left-behind Trophimus sick in Miletus. ²¹Be diligent to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, and [so do] Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brothers. ²²The Lord *be* with your spirit. Grace *be* with you *all*.