

Apostle Paul's Letters to Timothy

1 Timothy

Paul no doubt knows he is coming to the place in his ministry when he will become more and more restricted from traveling the country side proclaiming the Gospel. And for whatever reason, I believe he sees Timothy as a firm right hand of support; he certainly considered Timothy his son begotten in the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Some Bible experts think Timothy may have been of a timid nature, and Paul wanted to specifically encourage, and/ or breathe more fire in him. I question that notion in light of the fact that Timothy was present with Paul in difficult situations.

In my view, Timothy possessed, "a certain" gentleness, some would perhaps say to a fault; but his loyalty to Paul and the Gospel seemed unquestionable. Paul could count on Timothy! And so Paul bequeathed to Timothy this wisdom of his gained of the Lord Jesus Christ, by putting it in writing of the First & Second Timothy Epistles!

1Ti 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope (*of eternal life and all things*);

1Ti 1:2 Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith (*of Jesus Christ and the Gospel*): Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

1Ti 1:3 As I besought (*instructed*) thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge (*require*) some that they teach no other doctrine,

1Ti 1:4 Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies (*which is often times, "minutia"*), which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.

1Ti 1:5 Now the end of (*or*) the (*greatest*) commandment is charity (*love*) out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned (*or, undiluted*):

1Ti 1:6 From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling (*noise making speech*);

1Ti 1:7 Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm (*or, make declaration(s) of*).

It should not be any surprise that the righteous have no need of law!

1Ti 1:8 But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully;

1Ti 1:9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

1Ti 1:10 For whoremongers (*out of control sexual passions*), for them that defile themselves with mankind (*homosexuality?*), for menstealers (*slave traders*), for liars, for perjured persons (*violators of their own witness*), and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

1Ti 1:11 According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust (*Paul declares in this scripture that, "the blessed God" committed the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to his trust. Now, that is an honor beyond compare, would you not agree?*).

Paul is thankful that he is forgiven of God for past offences, out of ignorance, against the Lord Jesus Christ and the Church. And now God has made him a chosen vessel unto good works, preaching the Gospel of Jesus; and he is become a chief builder of the Church! Thus, Paul considers himself a good example of one not deserving the forgiving mercy of God; but because of the longsuffering of God in Jesus Christ, God did forgive him and raised him out of ignorance to his place in, "The Kingdom of Heaven"! You too have a place when you search it out in Christ Jesus!

1Ti 1:12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry (*of the Lord Jesus Christ*);

1Ti 1:13 Who (*I, Paul*) was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

1Ti 1:14 And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

1Ti 1:15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

1Ti 1:16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern (*or, example*) to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

1Ti 1:17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Paul's Charge/ Instruction(s) to Timothy

Sometime in the past, prophecies concerning Timothy were spoken (1Timothy 4:14 through 4:16). And so Paul is reminding Timothy of those prophecies as he (Paul) impart wisdom(s) he has received in service to the Gospel of God and the Lord Jesus Christ!

1Ti 1:18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them (*prophecies which went before on thee*) mightest war a good warfare;

1Ti 1:19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

1Ti 1:20 Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

I believe Paul could have also correctly made the declaration here, that the sincerity of any believer is questionable without a prayer life, and if one is being used of God on a regular basis, a prayer life is priority!

1Ti 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

1Ti 2:2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

1Ti 2:3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

1Ti 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

1Ti 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

1Ti 2:6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

1Ti 2:7 Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity (*truth*).

1Ti 2:8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and (*without*) doubting.

Because of Galatians 3:28, I suspect Paul is dealing more with problems resulting from customs of the day, in these final verses of 1Timothy 2:9 through 2:15; rather than limiting the access of women to offices/ ministry positions of the Church. However, some have concluded, I think incorrectly; that Paul is indeed officially limiting the woman's role in the Church.

Paul, I believe, more than any other apostles, recognized that the high calling according of the Holy Spirit in Christ Jesus supersedes such concepts of the flesh, as are these; but we (male and female) have problems letting go of fleshy/ carnal things!

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Paul deals with tradition in order to teach new converts the most important/ necessary things of doctrine and salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ!

1Ti 2:9 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness (*shyness/ bashfulness?*) and sobriety; not with broided hair (*or, overbearing/ even worldly hair styles*), or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

1Ti 2:10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

1Ti 2:11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

1Ti 2:12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

1Ti 2:13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

1Ti 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

1Ti 2:15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

Paul imparts wisdom (not just to Timothy) for choosing one that is a believer to fulfill the office of Bishop and Deacon in the Church

1Ti 3:1 This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

1Ti 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

1Ti 3:3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

1Ti 3:4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

- 1Ti 3:5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)
- 1Ti 3:6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.
- 1Ti 3:7 Moreover he must have a good report (*reputation*) of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.
- 1Ti 3:8 Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;
- 1Ti 3:9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.
- 1Ti 3:10 And let these also first be proved (*tested as in having held office with less responsibility*); then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.
- 1Ti 3:11 Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.
- 1Ti 3:12 Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.
- 1Ti 3:13 For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.
- 1Ti 3:14 These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly:
- 1Ti 3:15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground (*foundation*) of the truth.
- 1Ti 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Paul alerts Timothy and all of us to the dangers that believers in the Gospel of Christ Jesus shall face; and more so in latter times, as the return of Jesus approaches! This Chapter concludes with Paul reminding Timothy again of the prophecy given of him by the laying on of hands.

- 1Ti 4:1 Now the (*Holy*) Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some (*believers*) shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;
- 1Ti 4:2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;
- 1Ti 4:3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe (*having faith in Jesus; the resurrection*) and know the truth.
- 1Ti 4:4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:
- 1Ti 4:5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.
- 1Ti 4:6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained (*or, received/ gained?*).
- 1Ti 4:7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.
- 1Ti 4:8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.
- 1Ti 4:9 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.

- 1Ti 4:10 For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe (*and have faith in Him*).
- 1Ti 4:11 These things (*talked about in 1Timothy 4:1 through 4:10 therefore,*) command and teach.
- 1Ti 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth (*with their opinion that you are not mature enough to minister*); but be thou an example of the (*sincere*) believers, in word, in conversation, in charity (*love*), in spirit, in faith, in purity.
- 1Ti 4:13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.
- 1Ti 4:14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy (*1Timothy 1:18 through 1:20*), with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.
- 1Ti 4:15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.
- 1Ti 4:16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

Paul provides us with his wisdom on Christian relationships and protocol that conveys respectful personal fellowships, pleasing to God

Giving of respect to elders among all you believers

- 1Ti 5:1 Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren;
- 1Ti 5:2 The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.

Definitions of widows

- 1Ti 5:3 Honour widows that are widows indeed.
- 1Ti 5:4 But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God (*in others words, a true widow has a good report as a widow among her family at home*).
- 1Ti 5:5 Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.
- 1Ti 5:6 But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.
- 1Ti 5:7 And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless.
- 1Ti 5:8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.
- 1Ti 5:9 Let not a widow be taken into the number (*or, counted*) under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man,
- 1Ti 5:10 Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.
- 1Ti 5:11 But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry;
- 1Ti 5:12 Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith.

1Ti 5:13 And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.

1Ti 5:14 I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

1Ti 5:15 For some are already turned aside after Satan.

1Ti 5:16 If any man or woman that believeth have widows (*in their family*), let them relieve (*or, provide support to*) them, and let not the church be charged (*with providing their support*); that it (*the church*) may relieve (*provide support to*) them that are widows indeed.

More behavior pertaining to elders

1Ti 5:17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

1Ti 5:18 For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.

1Ti 5:19 Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.

1Ti 5:20 Them (*elders*) that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.

1Ti 5:21 I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality (*favoritism*).

Considerations for the believer's personal conduct

1Ti 5:22 Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.

1Ti 5:23 Drink no longer (*just*) water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.

1Ti 5:24 Some men's sins are open (*known?*) beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they (*sins*) follow after.

1Ti 5:25 Likewise also the good works of some are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid.

Master, and servant relationship when members of a society converts to the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ; else chaos ensues

1Ti 6:1 Let as many servants as are under the yoke (*or, in servitude*) count their own masters worthy of all honour (*submitting to authority over them?*), that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.

1Ti 6:2 And they that have believing masters, let them (*the master or, servant*) not despise them (*their master, or their servant*), because they are brethren; but rather do them (*masters, or, servant*) service, because they (*master and servant*) are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.

1Ti 6:3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

1Ti 6:4 He is proud (*self serving?*), knowing nothing, but doting (*overbearing?*) about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings (*carnal speculation*),

1Ti 6:5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain (*advantage?*) is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

1Ti 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

The physical things/ stuff one accumulates while in this life shall not accompany one beyond this life! Therefore, understand that such things can snare any of us unto destruction and perdition!

1Ti 6:7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

1Ti 6:8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

1Ti 6:9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

1Ti 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

1Ti 6:11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

1Ti 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith (*in the Gospel and the Lord Jesus Christ*), lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

Paul is speaking specifically to Timothy in this Epistle, but all of us must need to heed his charges/ commandments

1Ti 6:13 I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;

1Ti 6:14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

1Ti 6:15 Which in his (*our Lord Jesus*) times (*upon returning*) he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate (*sovereign, king, ruler*) the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

1Ti 6:16 Who (*our Lord Jesus*) only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom (*our Lord Jesus*) be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

1Ti 6:17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

1Ti 6:18 That they (*that are rich in this world*) do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

1Ti 6:19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

1Ti 6:20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

1Ti 6:21 Which some professing (*science*) have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with thee. Amen. *Some Bible experts consider this first letter to Timothy to have been written from Laodicea, which is the chiefest city of Phrygia Pacatiana.*

2Timothy

Paul is not yet done giving Timothy instructions according to the wisdom(s) he has gained concerning the Lord Jesus Christ and the Gospel of God. And it is clear he wants everyone to know that he is pleased, and does not regretted, to have confronted every trouble he encountered for preaching the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe Paul was fund of the conviction, "I am not ashamed of anything concerning Christ Jesus!", and he encourages Timothy in this attitude also.

2Ti 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life (*eternal*) which is in Christ Jesus,

2Ti 1:2 To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

2Ti 1:3 I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers (*Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob/ Israel*) with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

2Ti 1:4 Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;

2Ti 1:5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned (*real, true, honest, sincere*) faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

2Ti 1:6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands (*once again Paul reminds Timothy that hands were laid upon him for victorious ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ*)

2Ti 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

2Ti 1:8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner (*and of the Gospel*): but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus (*the elect*) before the world began,

2Ti 1:10 But is now made manifest (*shown/ revealed*) by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

2Ti 1:11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

2Ti 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he (*Jesus, whom I believe*) is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day (*when all things are judged, according to righteousness*).

2Ti 1:13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

2Ti 1:14 That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.

2Ti 1:15 This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia be turned away from me; of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.

2Ti 1:16 The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain:

2Ti 1:17 But, when he was in Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found me.

2Ti 1:18 The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day: and in how many things (*my needs?*) he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well.

There is no failure in the Grace of God, which is the Lord Jesus Christ!

2Ti 2:1 Thou therefore, my son (*Timothy*), be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2Ti 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

2Ti 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

2Ti 2:4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him (*the Lord God and Jesus*) who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

2Ti 2:5 And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully (*or, according to prescribed requirements*).

2Ti 2:6 The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits (*in other words, a person will not continue, very long, in that which he himself do not believe!*).

2Ti 2:7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.

2Ti 2:8 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:

2Ti 2:9 Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.

God ordained the requirements for salvation: there is no available, "choose to, or rejecting" the Holy Spirit, nor the blood sacrifice of Jesus on the cross! We do not get to make our own requirements, that God should approve them for our satisfaction! No one should presume to apologize for God, even out of total ignorance!

Out of ignorance, a person can declare him, or herself more righteous than God by saying such things as, "what kind of God allows His own Son to die a horrible death, or what kind of God sends people to hell?". When I hear such things, I can only pray that the person get more understanding, quickly!

2Ti 2:10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they (*even those that, at first, opposed the message of Jesus/ the Gospel*) may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

2Ti 2:11 It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him (*Jesus*), we shall also live with him:

2Ti 2:12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

2Ti 2:13 If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful (*and John 3:16 is honored*): he cannot deny himself (*This scripture brings to mind the situation in Matthew 26:59 through 26:64, when Jesus had been arrested and brought before the high priest and other false accusers:*

Mat 26:59 Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death;

Mat 26:60 But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none.

(But) At the last came two false witnesses,

Mat 26:61 And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days *(Even today, the sayings of that scripture is misunderstood, because Jesus was speaking of the temple of his body!*

Where the Holy Spirit of God abides is the "Temple of God"! The tabernacle/ temple building had long since ceased to have maintain, truly, the, "Temple of God" status; but it only remained representative of the, "Temple of God" until the "Temple of God", "Jesus", should come! See 1Samuel 4:21 & 4:22; then Matthew 3:10 through 3:16 and Luke 3:9 through 3:22: ...

The scriptures say the Holy Spirit remained upon Jesus without measure; then after He ascended to Heaven He sent the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost to those that believed/ had faith in Jesus and His message).

Mat 26:62 And the high priest arose, and said unto him (*Jesus*), Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee?

Mat 26:63 But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.

Mat 26:64 Jesus saith unto him, **Thou hast said: nevertheless (or, even though you will not believe) I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. (It is as the scripture says: Jesus cannot deny himself, and who He is!)**

Put all the people in remembrance of these things!

2Ti 2:14 Of these things (*Timothy my son?*) put them (*followers of Jesus*) in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive (*argue*) not about words to no profit (*and, is a lot of hot air*), but (*or, which is*) to the subverting of the hearers.

2Ti 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2Ti 2:16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

2Ti 2:17 And their (*profane and vain babblings*) word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;

2Ti 2:18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow (*or, destroy*) the faith of some.

2Ti 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, (*that*) The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

2Ti 2:20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

2Ti 2:21 If a man therefore purge himself from these (*gold, silver, wood, earth, and dishonor*), he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet (*suitable*) for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

2Ti 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity (*love*), peace, with them (*or, others*) that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

- 2Ti 2:23 But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender (*or, generate*) strifes.
- 2Ti 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive (*fight*); but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,
- 2Ti 2:25 In meekness instructing those that (*unknowingly*) oppose themselves (*of benefits from God*); if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth (*or, when they acknowledge the truth of Christ Jesus, God will give them repentance?*);
- 2Ti 2:26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him (*the devil*) at his will.

Paul knows, and informs Timothy, what attitudes and behaviors men shall exhibit as the end of the Church age approaches!

- 2Ti 3:1 (*Timothy,*) This know also, that in the last days (*end of the age*) perilous times shall come.
- 2Ti 3:2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves (*or, self-serving*), covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
- 2Ti 3:3 Without natural affection (*homosexuality being a prime example?*), trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent (*lacking self-restraint of iniquity*), fierce (*savagery?*), despisers of those that are good,
- 2Ti 3:4 Traitors, heady (*vinous, as in influenced of wine/ drugs*), highminded (*convinced of their own brand of morals; even in opposition to God?*) lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;
- 2Ti 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof (*or, denying the person of the eternal God*): from such turn away.
- 2Ti 3:6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,
- 2Ti 3:7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth (*vain philosophies among, and within the masses?*).
- 2Ti 3:8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate (*or, degenerate*) concerning the faith (*of the Lord Jesus Christ and righteousness*).
- 2Ti 3:9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs (*Jannes and Jambres*) also was.
- 2Ti 3:10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity (*love*), patience,
- 2Ti 3:11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord (*Jesus*) delivered me.
- 2Ti 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.
- 2Ti 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.
- 2Ti 3:14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;
- 2Ti 3:15 And that from a child thou (*or, you Timothy*) hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2Ti 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished (*or, thoroughly informed of the truth?*) unto all good works (*Amen!*).

Paul's final commands and instructions of wisdom to Timothy!

2Ti 4:1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and (*the appearing of*) his kingdom;

2Ti 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

2Ti 4:3 For the time will come when they (*misguided, evil men and seducers*) will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

2Ti 4:4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

2Ti 4:5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

2Ti 4:6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

2Ti 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

2Ti 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

2Ti 4:9 Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me:

2Ti 4:10 For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens (*went*) to Galatia, Titus (*went*) unto Dalmatia.

2Ti 4:11 Only Luke (*as in the Gospel of Luke*) is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

2Ti 4:12 And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus.

2Ti 4:13 The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments (*or writings*).

2Ti 4:14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works:

2Ti 4:15 Of whom be thou ware (*suspicious?*) also; for he hath greatly withstood our words (*of the Gospel*).

2Ti 4:16 At my first answer (*or, obedience to preach the Gospel?*) no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge.

2Ti 4:17 Notwithstanding the Lord (*Jesus*) stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

2Ti 4:18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

2Ti 4:19 Salute Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.

2Ti 4:20 Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick.

2Ti 4:21 Do thy diligence to come before winter. Eubulus greeteth thee, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brethren (*here at Rome with me*).

2Ti 4:22 The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.

Some Bible experts consider this second letter to Timothy; ordained the first bishop of the church of the Ephesians, was written from Rome, when Paul was brought before Nero a second time.

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