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## The Chapters of 2 Timothy

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# 2 Timothy

## SECTION OUTLINE ONE (2 TIMOTHY 1)

Paul opens his second letter to Timothy with encouragement and some news.

- I. PAUL SPEAKS CONCERNING HIS SON (1:1-8, 13-14): The apostle regards Timothy as his spiritual son.
  - A. **The reassurance by Paul** (1:1-3): He tells Timothy that he is praying for him night and day.
  - B. **The remembrance by Paul** (1:4-5)
    - 1. He is aware of Timothy's tears (1:4).
    - 2. He is aware of Timothy's testimony (1:5).
      - a. The faith of Timothy (1:5a)
      - b. The faith of Timothy's family (1:5b)
  - C. **The requests by Paul** (1:6-8, 13-14): The apostle urges Timothy to:
    - 1. Stir up his gift (1:6)
    - 2. Be fearless, strong, and loving (1:7)
    - 3. Be unashamed of Jesus or of Paul (1:8a)
    - 4. Be ready to suffer for Jesus (1:8b)
    - 5. Guard the great body of scriptural truth that has been given him (1:13-14)
- II. PAUL SPEAKS CONCERNING HIS SAVIOR (1:9-10)
  - A. **He has redeemed and called us to a holy life** (1:9a).
  - B. **He did this by his grace before the world began** (1:9b).
  - C. **He has destroyed death and has introduced eternal life** (1:10).
- III. PAUL SPEAKS CONCERNING HIMSELF (1:11-12, 15-18)
  - A. **The apostle's calling** (1:11): His calling from God is twofold:
    - 1. To be an apostle and preacher (1:11a)
    - 2. To be a teacher of the Gentiles (1:11b)
  - B. **The apostle's confinement** (1:12a): Because of his calling, he is suffering as a prisoner.
  - C. **The apostle's confidence** (1:12b): In spite of everything, Paul is not ashamed, for he knows the one in whom he trusts.
  - D. **The apostle's companions** (1:15-18)
    - 1. His deserting friends (1:15): Most of Paul's coworkers in Asia have abandoned him.
    - 2. His devoted friend (1:16-18): Onesiphorus has remained a faithful and helpful friend.

## SECTION OUTLINE TWO (2 TIMOTHY 2)

Paul describes the duties assigned to a pastor.

- I. THE ROLE MODEL (2:1-7): Paul likens the ministry to four secular occupations.
  - A. **A teacher** (2:1-2)
    - 1. As a student Timothy was taught many things by Paul (2:1-2a).
    - 2. As a pastor Timothy must now teach those things to other godly people (2:2b).
  - B. **A soldier** (2:3-4)
    - 1. Give all of your energies to the warfare (2:3).
    - 2. Give none of your energies to worldly affairs (2:4).
  - C. **An athlete** (2:5): Strive for the victor's crown.
  - D. **A farmer** (2:6-7): Work hard to harvest a large crop.
- II. THE REMINDERS (2:8-10): A prisoner in Rome, Paul asks Timothy to reflect on two things.

- A. God's messenger is chained** (2:8-9a).
- B. God's message cannot be chained** (2:9b-10).

### III. THE RESULTS (2:11-13)

- A. If we die for Christ, we will live with Christ** (2:11).
- B. If we endure hardship for Christ, we will reign with Christ** (2:12a).
- C. If we deny Christ, he will deny us** (2:12b).
- D. If we are unfaithful, Christ remains faithful** (2:13).

### IV. THE RESPONSIBILITIES (2:14-26): Paul lists some of Timothy's duties as a pastor.

- A. Remind your people of the great scriptural truths** (2:14a).
- B. Warn them against petty arguments** (2:14b).
- C. Strive to become an approved workman before God** (2:15).
- D. Avoid godless controversies** (2:16-19, 23-26).
  1. The examples (2:16-17): Paul points out two men, Hymenaeus and Philetus, who have involved themselves in these controversies.
  2. The error (2:18-19): They are claiming that the resurrection from the dead has already occurred.
  3. The endeavor (2:23-26): Timothy must gently instruct those who would oppose him with the goal of leading them to repentance.
- E. Present your body as a clean vessel to God** (2:20-21).
- F. Avoid evil, and pursue good** (2:22).

## SECTION OUTLINE THREE (2 TIMOTHY 3)

Paul warns of the coming great apostasy.

### I. THE PERVERSIONS (3:1-9)

- A. The evil** (3:1-5)
  1. People will love only themselves and their money (3:1-2a).
  2. They will be proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, and unholy (3:2b).
  3. They will be without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, and brutal (3:3).
  4. They will be treacherous and will be lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God (3:4).
  5. They will have a form of godliness but will deny its power (3:5).
- B. The examples** (3:6-8): Paul lists two types of people involved in apostasy.
  1. Sexually weak-willed, sin-burdened women (3:6-7)
  2. Depraved men who will oppose God as Jannes and Jambres once opposed Moses (3:8-9)

### II. The Prescription (3:10-17): Having diagnosed the disease, Paul now proposes a twofold preventative against it.

- A. Timothy is to continue in the work of God** (3:10-13): Paul offers his own ministry as a pattern.
- B. Timothy is to continue in the Word of God** (3:14-17).
  1. What the Scriptures did for Timothy the lad (3:14-15): God's Word gave him the wisdom to accept God's salvation.
  2. What the Scriptures will do for Timothy the leader (3:16-17)
    - a. The guidelines (3:16): Timothy will find the divinely inspired book useful.
      - (1) For doctrine and reproof (3:16a)
      - (2) For correction and instruction in righteousness (3:16b)
    - b. The goal (3:17): To equip Timothy for every good work.

## SECTION OUTLINE FOUR (2 TIMOTHY 4)

Paul closes his letter (which is most likely his last letter before being executed) with six "finals."

### I. PAUL'S FINAL CHARGE (4:1-2, 5)

- A. Timothy is to preach the Word of God** (4:1-2).
  1. How he is to preach it (4:1, 2b): He is to use it for correction, rebuke, and encouragement.
  2. When he is to preach it (4:2a): Urgently, at all times.

**B. Timothy is to reach his world for God (4:5).**

II. PAUL'S FINAL WARNING (4:3-4, 14-15): The apostle issues a twofold warning.

**A. In regard to apostasy (4:3-4)**

1. Men will someday turn from sound doctrine (4:3).
2. Men will someday turn to satanic doctrine (4:4).

**B. In regard to Alexander (4:14-15):** Paul warns Timothy to beware of this godless coppersmith who has caused Paul so much grief.

III. PAUL'S FINAL TESTIMONY (4:6-8)

**A. What he has done (4:6-7)**

1. He has fought a good fight (4:6-7a).
2. He has finished his cause (4:7b).
3. He has kept the faith (4:7c).

**B. What God will do (4:8):** He will reward the apostle with a crown of righteousness.

IV. PAUL'S FINAL REQUEST (4:9, 11-13)

**A. The individuals (4:9, 11-12)**

1. He asks that Timothy come as soon as possible (4:9).
2. He asks that Timothy bring Mark with him (4:11).
3. He has sent Tychicus to Ephesus (4:12).

**B. The items (4:13):** Paul requests three things.

1. His cloak (4:13a).
2. His study books (4:13b).
3. His Old Testament scrolls (4:13c).

V. PAUL'S FINAL SORROW (4:10, 16)

**A. Demas has forsaken him (4:10).**

**B. His Roman friends have forsaken him (4:16).**

VI. PAUL'S FINAL SONG OF PRAISE (4:17-18)

**A. God has delivered him from the mouth of the lion (4:17-18a).**

**B. God will deliver him to the Kingdom of Heaven (4:18b).**

VII. PAUL SENDS HIS FINAL GREETINGS (4:19-22).