

# Pauls Words to a Discouraged Preacher

## 2 Timothy Overview

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**Timothy: 'I greet you—I love you—I long for you—I remember your faith'**

2Ti 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life 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 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 faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also

**Timothy: 'In spite of fear and affliction—Preach the gospel according to the power of God'**

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.  
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: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

**Timothy: 'Here is my version 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 before the world began,

**Timothy: 'Here is our purpose for preaching the gospel according to the power of God'**

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

**Timothy: 'I am committed to keep on preaching the gospel according to the power of God'**

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 is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

**Timothy: 'Stay committed to preach the gospel that God committed to you'**

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.

**Timothy: 'You know that many preachers have deserted me'**

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

**Timothy: 'One stuck with me' (Perhaps Paul is implying, "Are you *wid* me or *agin* me?")**

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 he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well.

**Timothy: 'Find strength in grace—You need to pass the baton to the next runner'**

2Ti 2:1 Thou therefore, my son, 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.

**Timothy: 'Endure the hard times—Stay in the battle—Be a good soldier'**

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

**Timothy: ‘Be totally focused—That’s God’s way—Think about it—It makes good sense’**

2Ti 2:4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of *this* life; that he may please him 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.

2Ti 2:6 The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.

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

**Timothy: ‘Don’t ever forget resurrection—Be reminded that your Jesus is even now alive’**

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

**Timothy: ‘A preacher may end up bound—But no thing or nobody can bind God’s word’**

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

**Timothy: ‘If we endure, God’s children get salvation for now—In addition to eternal life’**

2Ti 2:10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect’s sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

**Timothy: ‘Here is a word of comfort—Whether you preach or not—Eternal life is certain’**

2Ti 2:11 *It is* a faithful saying: For if we be dead with *him*, 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: he cannot deny himself.

**Timothy: ‘Focus on God’s word—And beware of men’s opinions and philosophies’**

2Ti 2:14 Of these things put *them* in remembrance, charging *them* before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, *but* 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 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 the faith of some.

**Timothy: ‘Here is the bottom-line truth of Christianity—And your reason to serve Christ’**

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

**Timothy: ‘Some serve well—Others not so well—Set yourself apart—Serve your Master’**

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, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master’s use, *and* prepared unto every good work.

**Timothy: ‘There are things to flee—And things to follow’**

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

2Ti 2:23 But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.

**Timothy: ‘Don’t be a fighter—But be a gentle patient teacher’**

2Ti 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, patient,

**Timothy: ‘By your meek teaching—God might turn those back who have turned away’**

2Ti 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

**Timothy: ‘Be reminded that their enemy is really real—A crafty hunter—Out to capture’**

2Ti 2:26 And *that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

**Timothy: ‘Things are not going to get better—But worse’**

2Ti 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

**Timothy: ‘Let me tell you who you will face as you try to preach to people in the last days’**

2Ti 3:2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

2Ti 3:3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

2Ti 3:4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

**Timothy: ‘Let me tell you about false teachers who will deny God’s power in the last days’**

2Ti 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

**Timothy: ‘They will seduce people—Ever with some new thing—But never with the truth’**

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.

**Timothy: ‘As the magicians resisted Moses—Corrupt reprobates will resist the truth’**

2Ti 3:8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

**Timothy: ‘Find comfort—As God eventually shut down the magicians—So He will these’**

2Ti 3:9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all *men*, as theirs also was.

**Timothy: ‘I am your example—Both in a righteous walk—And in what you can expect’**

2Ti 3:10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, 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 delivered me.

**Timothy: ‘As you continue—Expect it to be hard—And then expect it to get worse’**

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.

**Timothy: ‘It is essential that you stick with what you know from God’s word’**

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 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 unto all good works.

**Timothy: ‘In the Eternal Judge’s presence—I command you—Keep preaching the word’**

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 his kingdom;

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

**Timothy: ‘In the last days, people will not want the sound doctrine of God’s truth’**

2Ti 4:3 For the time will come when they 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.

**Timothy: ‘Be on guard—Keep on—Be far-reaching—Prove your love to your Master’**

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

**Timothy: ‘Here is my epitaph’ —(But I don’t guess Paul ever had a tombstone)**

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

**Timothy: ‘Come see me’**

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

**Timothy: ‘I’m about out of friends—Luke is about it—Bring Mark—Come see me’**

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

2Ti 4:11 Only 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.

**Timothy: ‘Come see me’**

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.

**Timothy: ‘Beware of the enemy’**

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 also; for he hath greatly withstood our words.

**Timothy: ‘Speaking of no friends—When I was tried by Caesar—Nobody stood by me’**

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

**Timothy: ‘As I preached to Caesar, God was there—He saved me from the lion (that time)’**

2Ti 4:17 Notwithstanding the Lord 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.

**Timothy: ‘That same God—Will soon deliver me from all evil—Through death to heaven’**

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.

**Timothy: 'Greet my friends'**

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.

**Timothy: 'Come see me'**

2Ti 4:21 Do thy diligence to come before winter. Eubulus greeteth thee, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brethren.

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

