

## Highlights of Paul's letter(s) to Timothy

I. Apostolate Duty. To be enlisted as a Commander of an Army going to a war!

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

παράγγελια, charge, a mandate or a command received from a superior and transmitted to others.

στρατεύομαι, to serve in war, as a soldier, a warrior, or a commander.

\* zeal and courage, faithfulness and integrity, common to all believers.

\*to endure hardness for the sake of him, and his Gospel; and who, besides the other enemies, have to do with false teachers.

\*to war a good warfare is to fight against the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Paul charging Timothy to be like in difficulties that there will be an opposition (perversion of the Gospel, false teachers, world, flesh and Satan) so that Timothy will be discharged of his Apostolic Duty as a warrior going to war.

of the flesh, 2Co 10:2-5 But I beseech *you*, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh. For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

Endure hardness as a soldier,

“Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

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.

Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

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.

The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.

Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.”

2 Timothy 2:1-7

Paul's testimony to Timothy, 1 Timothy 6:12

“Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.”

αγωνιζου, αγωνιζομαι, to contend, fight or wrestle against opposition and or temptation with straining every nerve to the uttermost towards pains and loghsufferings.

2 Timothy 4:6-7 “For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith”

II. Apostolate Doctrine. What was the main highlights of Paul's instructions to Timothy?

ἑτεροδιδασκαλεῖω, heterodidaskaleow, to teach different doctrine. Heteros-another, didaskalos- a master teacher.

1Ti 1:3 As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,  
\* teach a different doctrine or teaching, a different teacher.

1Ti 1:10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

\*uncorrupt teaching.

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.

\*good teaching

1Ti 4:13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

\* pay attention to doctrine or teaching.

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.

\* the principle to remain in good teaching.

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

\* work hard in study of the word.

1Ti 6:1 Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and *his* doctrine be not blasphemed.

\* "Wherefore the apostle exhorts, that if believing servants have any regard to that name they are called by, and call upon, and to the doctrine of the Gospel they have embraced and professed; that they would be obedient and respectful to their masters; that they may have no occasion to speak reproachfully of God, and of the Gospel." Gill

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;

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

\* "This, with what follows, is said in opposition to the characters, principles, and practices of the above wicked men, and for the imitation and encouragement of Timothy, and of others, whether ministers or private believers: the apostle calls the doctrine he delivered, "my doctrine": not because he was the author of it, or that it was a scheme of principles formed and contrived by him; but because it was the doctrine which he had received from God, which was given him to preach, and which he did preach purely and faithfully; otherwise it was the doctrine of Christ, and the same with that which was preached by the rest of the apostles; and

which was the doctrine of the Scriptures, and was according to godliness; and as preached by him, was all of a piece, and without any adulteration, or mixture, and was open and manifest, and well known to Timothy, and others; for he used no hidden things of dishonesty, nor did he conceal his principles, or keep back anything that was profitable. And as well known was his” Gill

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

\* “given by inspiration of God” θεόπνευστος , theos, God: pneow, breath, I'd rather choose the word pnuma-means spirit so that it signify inspiration from the Spirit of God.

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

\* the great purpose of sound doctrine, in a way that is instructive and teaching, and in agreement with the doctrine of the Scriptures, which are profitable for that purpose.

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;

\* prophetically in the future, Paul is trying to tell us that the word is going to be corrupt with the works of the Satan.

III. Apostolate Attitude. The right and biblical attitude to wage war and at the same time to preach the True Gospel to gather the sheep and manage to stand with the Scripture as the basis for Christian faith.

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;

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.

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

- partaker of the afflictions of the gospel: “the Gospel is here represented as a person suffering afflictions, and the apostle would have Timothy suffer them as that did, and along with it; he means those afflictions which come upon men for preaching and professing the Gospel; for though the Gospel is a Gospel of peace, yet, through the corruption and depravity of men, it brings a sword, division, and trouble. Tribulation arises on account of it; and this should be endured patiently, and constantly, for the sake of it.” Gill

- continue confessing constantly, preach boldly with endurance of long sufferings.
- Illus: Rom 8:35-39 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

*As it is written, (Psalms 44:22* Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.)

For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

\* ὀρθοτομέω

Orthos, straight or upright. Temnow, to cut. Orthotomeow, means to cut straight.

To teach carefully without perversion and distortion.

To handle and teach correctly and skillfully the word of TRUTH.

#### IV. Applications:

**1. 2Timothy 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.

A. Colossians 1: 23-24 “If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and *be* not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, *and* which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church.”

“that which remains to me of affliction to be endured in the cause of Christ.” Barnes

- (1) That he suffered in the same cause as that for which Christ suffered;
- (2) That he endured the same kind of sufferings, to some extent, in reproaches, persecutions, and opposition from the world;
- (3) That he had not yet suffered as much as Christ did in this cause, and, though he had suffered greatly, yet there was much that was lacking to make him equal in this respect to the Saviour; and,
- (4) That he felt that it was an object to be earnestly desired to be made in all respects just like Christ, and that in his present circumstances he was fast filling up that which was lacking, so that he would have a more complete resemblance to him.
- (5) Note: expression of the Gospel.

B. συγκακοπαθέω, *sugkakopathéō*, To suffer hardship, evil or affliction along with someone. Only in this verse. Verb, **Aorist, Active, Imperative**.

Illustrate: Romans 8:30 “them he also justified” V, Aorist, Active, Indicative.

John 3:3 “Except a man be born again” born, genneithei, V, Aorist, Passive, Subjunctive.

**2. 2Timothy 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*,

Illustrate: **Romans 8:29-30** For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be conformed* to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

**Philippians 3:10** That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

**Philippians 3:20-21** For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

**1 Corinthians 1:9** God *is* faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Fellowship-(κοινωνία)

**2Timothy 3:12** Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

**3.** Deliverance from Persecutions: **2Timothy 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.

**2Timothy 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.

John 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.

John 10:29 My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand.

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4. As Leader, Commander, General of the Army, Soldiers, men in the Church:

- Engaged in a Holy Service to Christ as our Commander-in-Chief.
- We have to be Faithful Leaders to the Church, to his post as we are part of the Church of Christ.
- Unslumbering: Always on observation of “enemy movement” especially in our own time that the second coming is near!
- We must have Fearless Courage and determined to “fight the good fight of faith”
- Continuously faithful until the period of enlistment is expired (in our death)
- minister the word with “Sword and a Trowel”
- Men in the Church should pursue higher rank as a True leader(s) Some day, some will be an evangelist, BS Leader, Deacon, Assistant Pastor, one of the plurality of Elders.
- Illust/Idea: By sending a letter to James Renihan in Escondido CA to post the necessity to have a Shepherd to feed the flock of God in Winnepeg.
- Make Schedule or Assignments to men in the Church to conduct Bible Study on Sundays, not to be dependent on listening/viewing some Sermons from on line, so that this congregation will have men encouraged to study the word and assume responsibility for the benefit of the Church's Fellowship.

May God thru Christ challenge you in prayer  
to fight the good fight of faith  
and not to be ashamed to preach  
the Gospel even with afflictions  
and persecutions.  
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