

A
PASTORAL EPISTLE

Paul's **Second** Letter to

Pastor Timothy

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Introduction



2nd EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY

“Godliness in a Day of Apostasy”

*Paul is in the Mamertine Dungeon
in Rome, awaiting beheading, approx. AD 67*



Session

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Unique features of the book

- Q** * Paul’s last epistle
- Q** * Written AD 67, from prison [1.16], after burning of Rome, the year before Paul was beheaded.
- * Seems to have been 15 years since Paul had left Timothy in Ephesus as pastor.
- * Paul wrote 5 other epistles from prison: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon, Hebrews, & II Tim
- * Letter to a church Paul had planted on 2nd trip [amidst a riot, Acts 19]
- * 5 years after I Tim was written
- * Paul’s most forceful letter - *Dr. Johnny Miller*
- * A shepherd’s heart for the church Paul planted at Ephesus
- * Nero, emperor
- “Those whom the gods want to destroy, they first make proud.” *an ancient proverb*
- * Was Nero’s hatred for Christians fomented by Paul’s witnessing to Nero during first imprisonment? *pjm, yes*



Six Themes:

1. “the faith” II Tim [4x] 1.5 2.18 3.8 4.7
I Tim [7x] 1.2 3.9,13 4.1 5.8 6.10,21
2. false teachers, false teaching 1.3,6,19 4.1 5.15 6.10,21
3. missing the truth [2.18]
4. resisting the truth 3.8
5. abandoning the truth 4.4
6. not ashamed I Tim 2.15 . . .as a workman *Romans 1.8,12,16 . . .Gospel*

- * Seven illustrations: son, soldier, athlete, farmer, workman, vessel, servant
- * Tim’s mom is praised as highly as any mother in Scripture
- * Four strongest commands

- 1.13 hold fast. . .sound words!
- 2.2 commit what you know to faithful men!
- 3.5 from such turn away!
- 4.2 preach the Word!



2 Key Verses

Q

- * The two key verses 2.2 “the same commit thou to faithful men” = discipleship
4.2 “preach the Word” = feeding the flock

Ephesus

Q

- Capital of Asia Minor [*present day western Turkey*]
- Rich
- Visited by Paul & Timothy on 2nd missionary tour
- Church was planted on Paul’s 3rd tour
- Tim was [*evidently*] appointed by Paul as pastor when Paul left town.
- The apostle John later became pastor **8KEYS**, **HISTORICAL RECORDS**
- Ephesus is one of the 7 churches on The Revelation. The other 6 churches are all within 100 miles of Ephesus and one another.

Outlines of II Timothy [generic]

ch 1 Bold	Hold fast the Word
ch 2 Strong	Handling the Word
ch 3 Wise	Consider the Word
ch 4 Diligent	Preach the Word

ch 1 Guard the treasure	Call
ch 2 Suffer hardship	Character
ch 3 Continue	Caution
ch 4 Preach the Word	Charge

Myers

1 Grace, gifts, faithfulness
 2 Be strong, endure, be diligent
 3 Bad doctrine ahead
 4 Preach the Word

Steadfast service	Guard & maintain the Gospel
Sound doctrine	Fight & suffer for the Gospel
Come quickly	Continue in sound doctrine
Conclusion	preach the Word

II Timothy

34 COMMANDS

Nine are crucial (red)


1.6 stir up the gift
 1.8 don't be ashamed of Jesus or me
 1.8 join me in afflictions of the Gospel
 1.13 **follow my sound teaching**
 1.14 keep [guard] the good thing given to you
 2.1 **be strong in grace**
 2.2 **commit what you know to other men**
 2.3 endure hardship
 2.7 consider what I say [carefully]
 2.8 remember the resurrection
 2.14 **remind [your people] not to argue**
 2.15 **be diligent in accurately handling the Word**
 2.16 avoid empty chatter [pointless discussions]
 2.22 flee youthful lusts
 2.23 avoid foolish questions
 3.1 realize difficult times will come
 3.5 **avoid godless men, from such turn away**
 3.14 continue teaching what you have learned
 4.2 **PREACH THE WORD**
 4.2 be ready in [every] season
 4.2 reprove [convince] some
 4.2 rebuke others
 4.2 exhort [your people]
 4.5 **be watchful**
 4.5 endure hardship
 4.5 do the work of an evangelist
 4.5 **fulfill your ministry**
 4.9 come to me soon
 4.11 pick up Mark and bring him [when you come]
 4.13 bring my cloak
 4.13 bring my [blank?] parchments
 4.15 beware [of Alexander]
 4.19 greet Aquila and Priscilla
 4.21 come before winter

34 commands in the imperative voice

Five editor's notes:

- * When you see a font like this: ***"bold + italics + quotation marks + underlined"*** it is a direct quote from the Bible from I Corinthians, KJV.
- * When you see *pjm* [my initials] I am giving my [well thought out] opinion on a topic. There doesn't seem to me to be enough Scripture to be dogmatic.
- * When you see a green font like this, **ἐκκλησία, ecclesia**, it is a Greek word I thought some might enjoy 30x.
- * When you see (1) it requires my Bible college students to look up this verse and fill in a blank. *However, you'll note that I have filled in these blanks for these video sessions.*
- * When you see this box **Q** it is to notify my students that I might ask a question on the next day's quiz about this material.

Brief chronology of Paul's life all dates are subjective

AD 10± ?	born		
AD 30±	rabid persecutor	Acts 8	
AD 34	trusted Christ as savior	Acts 9	
AD 34	visits Jerusalem, sent home to Tarsus	Acts 9.26-30	
	<i>over-the-wall-in-a-basket</i>		
AD 35,36	S.A.D., <i>Seminary of the Arabian Desert</i> , Gal 1.17,18	— taught by professor Jesus?	pjm
AD 42	recruited by Jerusalem's first missionary, Barnabas, to be Christian Ed. Dir.	Acts 11.26	K.O. Gangel
AD 44-49	missionary trip #1	Acts 13,14,	writes <i>Galatians</i>
AD 50	Jerusalem Council [with Titus]	Acts 15,	Gal 2.3
AD 50-57	missionary trips #2,3	Acts 16-21	Luke joins team—permanently Tim joins crew in Turkey
AD 54	left Tim in Ephesus on way to Macedonia	I Tim 1.3	
AD 58-62	embroiled in Roman court system [ship trip to Rome]	Acts 27,28	
AD 60-61	house arrest in Rome		
	expected release from prison [soon]	Phile 22	
	writes 4 <i>Prison Epistles</i>		
AD 64 ?	tried before Nero, released from prison,	Heb 13.23	I Tim 3.14,15
	visits Spain & Macedonia, <i>perhaps w/ Tim</i>		
	<i>Clement records that Paul reached Spain, "the extreme limit of the west"</i>		
	see also <i>Cyril, Chrysostom, & Muratorian Fragment</i>		
	wrote <i>I Tim & Titus</i>		
	see Acts 19.12	I Tim 3.14	Phile 2
AD 65	re-imprisoned, Mamertine dungeon in Rome	II Tim 1.16	
	wrote <i>II Tim</i>		
	sent Titus to Ephesus [to replace Tim]	II Tim 1.16	4.6-8, 12
AD 65?	beheaded, age 60? —Nero emperor 54-68 AD		pjm
AD 70	Jerusalem & Temple destroyed by General Titus, later Titus becomes Emperor		
	see further, <i>Unger's Bible Handbook</i> , p. 603		



Stoning Stephen, Acts 7.58



II Cor 11.33 Acts 9.25



2nd prison, Acts 28.30



Beheading Saul

Timeline of the apostle Paul

Year	Event	Scripture	Year	Event	Scripture	
4 BC	birth of Christ	Luke 2	50-54	begged to leave town	Acts 16.39	
7 AD	Herod [#1] the Great kills babies <i>Judea becomes Roman province</i>	Matt 2.16-18		*Thessalonika, plants church mob chased them out of town	Acts 17.1-10	
1-10AD	birth of Paul, Tarsus [<i>Turkey</i>] Saul, Pharisee Roman citizen	Phil 3.5 Acts 22.28		*?Berea, leaves Silas & Tim Athens, Mars Hill, *Corinth, Silas & Tim rejoin Paul	Acts 17.10-14 Acts 17.16-34	
15?AD	educated under Gamaliel <i>Tiberius becomes emperor</i>	Acts 22.3		18 months, meet Aquila & Priscilla, plants church	Acts 18.1-17	
26	<i>Pilate becomes procurator, Judea</i>			Cenchrea, Paul makes sinful vow to prove he kept Mosaic laws	Acts 18.18	
28	John the Baptist beheaded Herod [#2] Antipas	Matt 14.10		Paul writes I & II THESS. visits Ephesus briefly, Caesarea, Jerusalem, returns to Antioch	Acts 18.18-22	
29	crucifixion of Christ Peter preaches [<i>3,000 & 5,000</i>]	John 20 Acts 2.41 4.4	54-58	THIRD MISSIONARY TRIP <i>Nero becomes emperor, 54-68 AD</i> *Galatia again [<i>Turkey</i>], on way to	Acts 18.23	
30	Saul at Stephen's stoning Saul persecutor of the Church	Acts 7.51 Acts 8.1-3		*Ephesus, plants church, stays 3 years, Diana [<i>Artemis</i>] mob, [<i>silver idol makers</i>], Paul writes ROMANS, I & II CORINTHIANS	Acts 19.1ff	
32?	Barnabas sent to Antioch as Jerusalem's first missionary	Acts 11.20-22		Philippi in Macedonia *Troas, Greece, Macedonia Eutychus falls out window on foot to Mitylene, etc.	Acts 20.1 Acts 20.2-12 Acts 20.13-15 Acts 20.15ff	
34	Saul saved on way to Damascus preaches in Damascus Barnabas vouches for Saul in Damascus flees Damascus in a basket goes to Jerusalem Saul sent away to Tarsus	Acts 9.1-9 Acts 9.20 Acts 9.27 Acts 9.20ff Acts 9.26-29 Acts 9.30		*Miletus, meets elders Rhodes, Patara, Phoenecia, Tyre kneels on the beach CHURCH PLANTING MINISTRY ENDS	Acts 19.1ff Acts 20.1 Acts 20.2-12 Acts 20.13-15 Acts 20.15ff	
35,36	Seminary of Arabian Desert <i>[during time in Dam or Tars?]</i>	Gal 1.17		58-62	Caesarea * forbidden to go to Jerusalem <i>[Paul chooses to disregard info given "through the Spirit"]</i> * permitted to go to Jerusalem arrested at Jerusalem, mob at Temple asserts citizenship taken before Sanhedrin murder plot delivered, but imprisoned for 2 years in Caesarea Jesus guarantees Paul that he will get to Rome <i>[to fulfill Jesus' earlier promise that he would stand before a king—Acts 9.15]</i>	Acts 20.15ff Acts 21.3-6 Acts 21.4 Acts 21.11 Acts 21.26ff Acts 21.22ff Acts 22.30ff Acts 23.12ff
37	<i>Caligula becomes emperor</i>			Felix Festus Herod [#4] Agrippa II * Paul appeals to emperor Nero	Acts 24 Acts 25.1-12 Acts 25.26 Acts 25.11 Acts 27,28	
41	<i>Claudius becomes emperor</i>			62	boat trip to Rome as prisoner writes PHIL, EPH, COL, HEB, [<i>maybe all written in Caesarean jail</i>] PHILE	
42	<i>famine in Rome</i>			64	<i>Nero's great fire of Rome</i>	
42	Barnabas finds Saul in Tarsus, brings him to Antioch to teach Saul takes famine aid to Jerusalem Mark joins Barn & Saul	Acts 11.25,26 Acts 11.29,30 Acts 12.25		65	Paul re-imprisoned Paul has 23 traveling companions over 20 years. * Paul's church plants, 10-14x	
44-49	Herod [#3] Agrippa I kills James FIRST MISSIONARY TRIP Barn & Saul chosen by Spirit to be missionaries to Gentiles Cyprus, Galatia [<i>Turkey</i>] Paul becomes leader of trip <i>[so] Mark goes home [Jerusalem?]</i> * Pisidia, preached, expelled * Iconium, murder plot, fled * Lystra, healed lame man, * Derbe P&B mocked gods, stoned return trip appoint elders	Acts 12.1-3 Acts 13.2,3 Acts 13.13 Acts 13.50 Acts 14.5 Acts 14.19,20 Acts 14.21-24		Events after Acts 28 Paul witnesses to Nero, was released from prison, writes I TIM, TITUS , goes to Spain, re-arrested, writes II TIMOTHY , beheaded about 65 AD. Temple destroyed 70 AD. see PhilMyersBlog.com , 2020		
49	return to Antioch Paul writes GALATIANS					
50	P & B, Jerusalem Council <i>Claudius expels Jews fr Rome</i>					
50	squabble over Mark's departure <i>[nobody sinned, just disagreed]</i> <i>[Mark goes home and writes book of MARK]</i>	Acts 15.36-39				
50-54	SECOND MISSIONARY TRIP Paul & Silas, re-visit ch in Turkey Lystra, pick up Timothy <i>[Luke joins P's team somewhere along the way and stays with Paul continuously for 15 years, even to prisons]</i> Troas, "Macedonian vision" *Philippi, Lydia, demon-possessed girl, jail, jailer's family saved plants church	Acts 15.40,41 Acts 16.1-5 Acts 16.9,10 Acts 16. 11-38				

Timothy's bio-sketch

Based on Scripture [*Acts, Col, Cor, Phil, Phile, Thes, Rev, Eph*] plus tradition [*history*]

8Keys, #3 COMPARE SCRIPTURE / SCRIPTURE

- Tim is co-writer of 6 books *while with P during 1st imprisonment in Rome, Heb 13.23*
II Cor 1.1 I Thes 1.1 II Thes 1.1 Philemon 1 Philippians 1.1 Colossians 1.1
- a. faithful *I Cor 4.17 1.1* dedicated worker *I Cor 16.10*
 cared deeply for people *Phil 2.19*
 - b. saved at home and immersed in the Bible at mom & grandma's knees *II Tim 3.15*
 - c. knew the Scriptures. . . unto salvation. *II Tim 3.15*
 - d. grew up as a Gentile believer, leaders in the church chose not to have him circumcised
 - e. commended by church leaders before he met Paul *Acts 16.1,2 [already a "disciple"]*
not young in faith when he met Paul
 - f. **Paul's 2nd Trip**, Tim met Paul in Lystra, *Acts 16.3, 51 AD*
 - g. Tim joined at 3rd city [Tarsus, Derbe, Lystra] on Paul's 2nd trip, along with Luke, 51 AD *pjm*
 Silas had joined in Antioch, *Acts 16.3*
 Tim sent to Thessalonika *I Thes 3.1,2*
 Tim left in Berea with Silas *Acts 17.14* later visits Thes and sends report to Paul
 Paul to Athens [*w/o Tim*] *I Thes 3.1* Tim rejoins, stays for 18 months
 Tim to Corinth [*w/ Paul*] *Acts 18.11*
 - h. recruited by Paul
 Paul wouldn't have taken a baby Christian after having been burned by John Mark a year ago on first trip w/ Barnabas, *Acts 13.13 15.36-40*
 "son in the faith" is not term for new believer so he's not Paul's convert *I Tim 1.1 pjm*
 . . . as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the Gospel = *Phil 2.2*
 This is the meaning of "son in the faith." Refers to Tim's service, not salvation. *pjm*
 - i. circumcised by Paul, A SINFUL ACT, see my note at Acts 16.3 [*Paul circumcised Tim, not in faith but, because of unbelieving Jewish observers*] *pjm 8Keys, MOSAIC LAW*
 Do not exalt our biblical heroes beyond reasonable admiration, please, warts and all. Paul was wrong although most commentators do not hold Paul culpable. *I and many others do hold Paul at fault.*
 - j. Timothy goes to Ephesus with Paul *Acts 19.22*
 - k. later sent w/ Erastus to Macedonia & Corinth *Acts 19.22 I Cor 4.17*
 - l. **3rd Trip** *Acts. 19.22 [accompanies P. to Thes, Cor, Philippi, Berea, Eph - then Athens w/o Paul]*
 P wants to send Tim to Philippi for a visit *Phil 2.19*
 served with Paul in Eph 3 yrs *Acts 19.1-20.31 55-57 AD*
 sent [*or left*] by Paul to be pastor in Ephesus, later sent to Corinth as pastor? 62 AD *I Cor 4.1*
 - m. Tim becomes bishop [*elder*] of Ephesus *I Tim 1.3*
 Ignatian type of bishops didn't start until 2nd century
 - n. I choose to believe he may have traveled with Paul to Spain. *pjm, [writings of Church fathers]*
 It seems Paul made it to Spain on a 4th missionary trip after release from Roman prison, because. . . .
 * Clement, writes in 95 AD "[Paul] had preached in the East and in the West. . . having reached the farthest limits of the West." [*I Clement 5.5-7*],
 * To the Romans the "farthest reaches" would have meant Britain, Gaul [*France*], or Spain.
 * This is also affirmed twice by:
 * The Acts of Peter as well as the Muratorian Fragment [*end of the 2nd century*].
 * Eusebius, 4th century church historian, supported Paul's release from jail, after Rome.
 8Keys, CLÉMENT, MURATORIAN FRAGMENT, CYRIL, & CHRYSOSTOM
 - o. Paul writes II Timothy from prison, 64 AD.
 - p. Paul's BFF—favorite friend & co-worker *pjm*
 - q. called by Paul to be with him in prison just before his death *II Tim 4.22*
 - r. Timothy in prison at some point, *see Heb 13.23*
 - s. death = beaten to death [*97 AD?*] during festival of Diana [*Ephesus*] while trying to stop a religious procession.

I teach directly from these 40 pp. of notes but I only cover about 75% of these 20 kinds of insights.

Maps
 Cross-refs, 500+
 Photos
 Greek words
 Dates
 Opinions
 H/W
 13 kinds of applications
 My own Applications
 8 Keys, 46 x
 10+ more Keys
 120 study tips
 Further reading
 My own parag. titles
 Blogs
 College level syllabus
 Historical events
 Cultural insights
 Greek alphabet
 Definitions of some words
 Quotable quotes
 Neat rabbit trails

II TIMOTHY: EXEGESIS

*"Drawing out" what is in the text
paragraph by paragraph*

Lessons For My Life (applications)

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LFML

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EXPOSITION OF THE TEXT (exposing the meaning of the text)

My exposition keeps in mind that I expect you have your Bible open and are checking to see what the Word says.

Phil

I'm not spoon feeding you. I'm handing you my shovel and expecting you to dig.

Q

This indicates a spot where I tip off my college students that I might ask a question on a quia the next session.

My paragraph titles

- 1.1,2 Grace
- 1.3-7 Ignite Your Gift !
- 1.8-14 Don't Be Ashamed of Following Jesus !
- 1.15-18 Some Friends are Faithful, Some Aren't
- 2.1-7 Be Strong in Grace !
- 2.8-13 Endure! Persist !
- 2.14-19 Handle the Word Well !
- 2.20-26 Lives of Honor
- 3.1-9 Wicked Times Ahead
- 3.10-13 Follow Me !
- 3.14-17 The Word is Your Security
- 4.1-8 Preach the Word !
- 4.9-18 Bring the Parchments
- 4.19-22 Grace

LFML

These LFML aquares simpy indicate places where I found a Lesson For My own Life, and application.

These notes are basically the kind I use in the Bible college where I teach. For each session their homework is 9-fold:

- A. To read the upcoming passage of Scripture 3 times prior to class and be ready to discuss it.
- B. To read the next 2 pages of these notes thoroughly.
- C. Give titles to each paragraph.
- D. Make personal applications. LFML = "Lesson For My Life"
- E. Look up any Bible references which I include in the notes. and fill in 100 blanks
- F. Weekly quizzes, of course, mid-term, and final,
- G. Memorize verses each session. See appendix.
- H. Write a research paper on one of a half dozen topics.
- I. Read all the blogs.
- J. Give an OPINION [or best guess] when asked for 7x.
- K. Raise questions in class and [politely] challenge anything I say if they have Bible verses to support their idea.

When you see words in this format **"grace. . .mercy. . .peace"**
Bold + underlined + italics + quotation marks
THESE WORDS ARE DIRECT QUOTES FROM THE TEXT [KJV]

* *pjm*, when you find my initials, I am giving my opinion. It is usually commonly held by others, but not always. I may simply be stating that I don't believe there is enough clarity to make a non-negotiable statement.

1.1,2 ----- [write your own paragraph title here]

1.2 **"beloved"** Paul's favorite disciple, Tim traveled with Paul for 10 years [tours #2 & 3]
"grace. . .mercy. . .peace" greeting unique to Timothy & Titus
"apostle" = one who is sent [on a mission]

My paragraph title: Grace

1.3-7 ----- [write your own paragraph title here]

Q

1.3 **"without ceasing. . .night & day"** - intense, continual prayer, WOW!
I Thes 5.17 pray without ceasing
I think he's implicitly encouraging us to have a designated prayer time[s].

LFML

1.4 **"thy tears"** on the beach near Ephesus, Acts 20.36,37 ?

1.5 mom **"Eunice"** & grandma **"Lois"** - salvation at home, "well reported of by the brethren" [Acts 16.1-3]

Timothy was not a new believer. He had not recently trusted Jesus Christ when Paul had come to town a year or so ago. After being burned by Mark [Acts 13.13], Paul certainly wouldn't have taken along a brand new spiritual babe. Mom had already immersed Tim in the Word.

Q

1.6,7 **"the gift of God. . .by the putting on of my hands"**

I Tim 4.14 "gift. . .the hands of the presbytery" = group of presbyters [elders, shepherds]

LFML

Acts 13.3 B & P ordained with hands [?] as the 2nd & 3rd missionaries cf. Acts 11.22

see PhilMyersBlog.com **Laying on Hands**

"stir up" was Tim stale, stuck, or stagnant?

OPINION, please yes no

1.7 [Holy] Spirit's triple-gift = **"power, love, sound mind"**

pjm, no, maybe, perhaps hesitant
This is a whole sermon in itself.

This would be a 2-hour course which meets 32 times in the semester includes I Timothy and Titus.

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II TIMOTHY: EXEGESIS

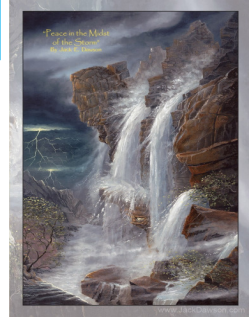
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“Dove on Nest”

“fear” [NAS = timidity] boldness is not brashness or egomania, but a sign of transparent confidence in God

Prov 29.25 fear of man brings a snare
I Jn 4.18 there is no fear in love
Ps 56.3 what time I am afraid I will trust in Thee

“sound mind [KJV]” σοφρονισμου [sophronismou] = self-disciplined, sensible, safe-minded

My paragraph title:

Ignite Your Gift

An APPLICATION I can use:

The privilege to serve the God of the universe is a sacred gift. I will be diligent to fulfill my responsibility.

1.8-14

1.8 **“don’t be ashamed of the . . . afflictions of the Gospel”** [sufferings - embrace them]

James 1.2 “count it all joy”
I Pet 2.20 and maybe suffer, too
I Pet 3.17 suffer for good, not evil
Gospel makes suffering worthwhile

see PhilMyersBlog.com **18 Biblical Reasons for Suffering**

keep your eye on the prize Phil 3.14 I press toward the mark of the prize of God’s high call
Phil 1.12,20,21,27-30 wow!

I Cor 9.27 I make my body my slave

LFML

1.9 **“saved us, and called us”** context = eternal life **SKEYS, #2 CONTEXT**

* called to be saved

Jn 12.32 “I will draw **all** men” [context = eternal life, presumed, not stated]
Jn 6.44 “no man can come. . . except the Father. . . draw him” [context = eternal life,
John 3.16 “**whosoever** believeth”
I Tim 2.4 “will have **all** men to be saved” [context = eternal life, see vss. 5,6]

see PhilMyersBlog.com **211 NT Verses = Salvation by Faith Alone**

Acts 2.38,39 as many as the Lord shall call [context = salvation]

* other kinds of calls:

Jer 1.5 **called** in the womb **to serve**. . . ordained as a prophet
II Pet 1.10 be diligent to make your calling and election sure [context = serve as mission]
I Cor 7.17 “as the Lord called everyone. . . so walk” [context = serving Christ]
Acts 13.2 Holy Spirit called [context = serve as missionary]
Eph 2.10 His workmanship. . . created **unto good works**

* In the OT, the “call” is never in a salvific context.

see PhilMyersBlog.com **Calling & Choosing: 8 words**

* called, elected, chosen usual meaning = “**selected to serve**”

“Call” is usually a clear reference to serve [rarely and loosely connected to salvation]
Only Paul & Jeremiah were “called” the way some people think every vocational worker, pastor, and missionary must be “called.”

* A special “call” to lifetime ministry surely does sound biblical, but it rarely happens in the Bible: Moses, Jeremiah, prophets, Samson, 12 disciples, Barnabas & Saul.

* A little unclear when seen in the light of other verses. From this context it is not an easy verse to repudiate the Calvinistic claim of “specific election.” It can be understood only if we first go to other Scripture. **SKEYS, #7 UNCLEAR IS UNDERSTOOD BY CLEAR VERSES**

I’m not anti-Calvin, I just don’t think he agrees with Paul on this point.

Of course, we can’t glibly say “Calling **always** means ‘**selected to serve**’” as proof that it works in any particular paragraph. That would be circular reasoning.

- 1) God’s foreknowledge
- 2) the order of His decrees [specifically pertaining to salvation, the death of Jesus Christ, the decree to give man any kind of free will, and the decree that man’s faith must be used]

Session

2

1.9

Whosoever

Luke 1.47
2.11
John 3.16
4.42
Acts 5.31
13.23
Eph 5.23
Phil 3.20
I Tim 1.1
2.3,4
4.10
II Tim 1.10
Titus 1.3,4
2.10,11
2.13
3.4,6
II Pet 1.1
1.11
2.20
3.2
3.18
I John 4.14
Jude 25
No limit on atonement

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A. 8 Decrees **8KEYS, #3 COMPARE**

- * God made man in His own image
- * He decreed [*decided by fiat*] to send a Savior
- * God decreed that all who believe in Jesus receive forgiveness
- * He chose to impute righteousness through man’s faith
- * God included heaven along with the forgiveness package
- * He gave man a free choice [*as well as responsibility*] to believe or deny.
Man’s personal choice to sin reaps punishment and consequences.
- * God also decreed that man could choose to make daily moral decisions to commit sinful Acts or refrain.
- * God has [*implicitly*] decreed that if a person with a “special ability” to believe, does not believe, he will be lost.

B. Attributes of God are not the same as His decrees which are His deeds

God is omniscient
God is independent, that is, **independent** and **not accountable** to any other
An attribute is different from a decree.

C. man’s part in foiling or agreeing with God’s desire that all men be saved. We know it is God’s will [*desire*] that all men be saved. [*I Tim 2.14*]

OPINION, please.

- Does man get to decide whether God’s will is done? Yes No
- Is God’s action dependent on man’s choice? Yes No
- Does puny man disrupt the plan of the God of the universe? Yes No



We defy God when we sin. I chose to sin. I alone am accountable for violating a desire of God. I have refused to act according to His will. His will was not always done in my life. Unbelievers defy God. God wants all to believe.

- Does His foreknowledge make anything certain? Yes No
- Is it part of being “made in the image of God” that man have a free will? Yes No

* All are called before the world began
Eph 1.4 He “chose us in Him from the foundation of the world **that we would be holy.**” Verses like this are plenteous.

Here’s where hermeneutics comes in. Notice that I emphasize the **5 bold words** in the sentence above. Calvinists emphasize the single word **us**. That is precisely the reason we cannot agree.

* A Bride was chosen, called, elected, before the foundation of the world, but the individuals who made up that Bride, chose the Lord Jesus of their own free will.

Oliver B Green

1.10 **“Savior”** this word is used 10x in Paul’s pastoral epistles [*to Tim and Titus*]

1.11 **“appointed a preacher, . . . apostle, . . . teacher”**
see “by the commandments” of Jesus I Tim 1.1 & Acts 13.2

“apostle” αποστολος [*apostolos*] = one who is sent on a mission **8KEYS** GREEK DICTIONARY

- Acts 1.21,22 2 [*or 3*] requirements for apostle:
- a. walked with Jesus
- b. saw after the resurrection
- c. “the signs of an apostle were wrought [*in me*]” II Cor 12.12

I Cor 9.1 “am I not an apostle. . . seen Jesus?” [*road to Damascus*]

Paul’s passion to serve unsalaried, unappreciated, unnoticed, w/o visible results, & disrespected.

What will it take to stop you? What must friends do to keep **you** going? The answer should be, “NOTHING! I’ll keep going no matter what.”

Millennials have grown up in an era of history where trophies and awards have been given for mere participation, [*as well as for excellence, of course*]. It is not your fault that Mr. Rogers fed you the lie that you could be anything you wanted to be [*Olympic champion, astronaut, president*]. But you may find it harder than other generations to keep going when unnoticed [*and, ah-h, trophy-less*].

We run into Greek words once in a while.
You already recognize many Greek letters.



An apostle is

Uh-h, use a little imagination!
I has a ‘crutch’
N needs a ‘crutch’
R needs a ‘crutch’

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What would it take to stop you?
loss of job?
mucho trabajo—poco dinero!
boredom in ministry?
slander?
doubt?
political danger?
anxiety?

not getting proper recognition?
lack of opportunity for further education?
not getting good recommendations?
rejection notices from publishers or friends?
lack of financial supporters?
heartache?

I have seen Bible college and seminary graduates as well as church members stopped dead in their spiritual tracks by:

disappointment	divorce	petty arguments
slander	being fired	church splits
family opposition	finances	capricious church boards
circumstances	false teaching	theological conundrums
pride	holding grudges	ad infinitum

- And other plodders just plod on joyously through all of these above situations year after year, by God’s grace and loving strength.

1.12 **“I know whom I have believed and am persuaded”**

Rom 8.33-39 assurance of salvation = Who shall separate us? Recumbent faith in the promises of God concerning eternal life.

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SING: I know Whom I have believed
I know not why God’s wondrous grace,
To me He hath made know,
Or why unworthy, Christ in love,
Received me as His own,

But I know whom I have believed
and am persuaded that He is able
to keep that which I’ve committed
unto Him against **that day**.

“against that DAY” What Day?

Interlinear “able-He-is-the-deposit-of-me-to-guard-to-that-day”

OPINION, please Check what day you think might be the fulfillment of “that Day.”

- Calvary Rapture Death Day of your salvation

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1.13 **“hold fast. . . sound words”**

i.e. READ YOUR BIBLE, TIM! Don’t wobble.

THIS IS MY DAILY CHALLENGE FOR PASTORS

My advice to my pastoral students for years has been to read the NT two to five times a year.

Divide the NT into 4 parts:

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|--------------------------|-----------|-------|--------------------------------------|
| #1. Gospels | 185 pages | 2x/yr | } my loose schedule, plus OT once/yr |
| #2. Acts & Romans | 45 pages | 5x/yr | |
| #3. Corinthians—Philemon | 80 pages | 4x/yr | |
| #4. Heb—Revelation | 65 pages | 4x/yr | |

There’s freedom to take a day or two [or a week or two] to pursue interesting studies anytime
With no pressure to “stay on a schedule.”

Many pastors feel a need to read a chapter from each of the above sections each day to keep them in touch with:

- A. the life of Christ - Gospels
- B. the growth of the early Church, - Acts
- C. all the doctrines of the Church. - the apostles’ writings

Read the OT by any system you like, pastors, about once a year [929 chapters].

Challenge for pastors and other Bible teachers.

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And my tip to everyone else is:

Read the NT 4 times then read the OT once, keep it up until you die !

Don't be afraid to take a break from some rigid schedule anytime you'd like. There are a thousand profitable excursions and rabbit trails you might explore throughout the year. Take the side roads sometimes! God doesn't have a special button to pin on your chest for checking off chapters you read.

[Go soak yourself in the fulness of the Scriptures].

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For growing Christians I suggest you schedule into your day no less than 20+ minutes of uninterrupted time with the Lord. Mothers with small children may have the hardest time. Working moms also. But zillions of these moms have found deep refreshment when they do. *[Ask Kay, and we had 9 kids, no foolin'.]*

One way to read through the NT is to read just one chapter each day, maybe read it twice.

260 chapters = 260 days *[a typical school year from August to May]*

By AD 64, Tim may have been able to read from the copies he owned, possibly from all except the last 4 books by John.

pjm

TIMOTHY'S LIBRARY may have contained:

- ◇ The whole OT
- ◇ All of Paul's circulating epistles including Hebrews.
Remember, Tim co-wrote 6 books: II Cor, Philem, I & II Thes, Phil, Col.
He certainly would have photocopied these books before they were sent out. *pjm*
- ◇ Possibly a Gospel or two ?
Since he and Luke traveled together with Paul for many years, maybe Tim read the Gospel of Luke before it was published.
- ◇ I, II Peter? We don't know. **8KEYS CHURCH HISTORY**

“in faith and love. . .in Jesus”

“sound words” how much doctrine did Tim learn from Paul *[10 yrs together?]*
how much from mom & g-mom *[20+ years while he was growing up?]*

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1.14

“that good thing which is committed unto thee” by the Holy Spirit

Probably referring to 1.6 “stir up the gift”

spiritual gift[s] are given by divine fiat **χαρις [charis]** = grace, gift Eph 4.7,11

* according to the measure

* “He gave *[people to the local churches]* prophets. . .”

“He gave the apostles and. . .” ESV

- you **have** a gift, see my list at 4.5

- you **are** a gift to the local church,

I Cor 12.18,28 “He set the members. . .in the Body. . .set some in the church. . .apostles. . .”

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* Paul ratified Timothy's ordination by laying on hands *pjm*

* Paul doesn't stress, or even mention, the pastor/shepherd role to Timothy perhaps because he knew Tim already had it by Paul's laying on of hands.

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OPINION, PLEASE

What was Tim's gift? *[fill-in-the-blank]* _____ **8KEYS, #8 T.B.D.S.**

Nine other results of the Holy Spirit's ministry **8KEYS, #3 COMPARE**

SALVIFIC

1. drawn by the Spirit Jn 6.44
2. born of the Spirit Jn 3.5 *[by “belief,” John 3.16, an anti-Calvinist precept]*
3. possesses the Spirit Rom 8.9
4. sealed by the Spirit Eph 4.30

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5. led by the Spirit Rom 8.14
6. assured by the Spirit Rom 8.16
7. filled with the Spirit Eph 5.18
8. comforted by the Spirit Jn 15.
9. taught deep things by the Spirit

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John 14.6 “as His anointing teaches you”
Jn 16.13 “Holy Spirit will guide you into all truth”
I Jn 2.27 “you need not that anyone teach you”

My paragraph title: Don't Be Ashamed of Following Jesus
An APPLICATION I can use: As a teacher I will strive to be more careful.

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1.15-18

1.15 “all . . . in Asia [Turkey] be turned away from me” Paul seems to be whining a little bit.
Paul, aren't co-workers allowed to move on?
◇ all = probably a hyperbole Luke was still there with Paul in prison, possibly Onesiphorus, too. *pjm*
Phygellas: Paul's implication is negative, maybe he considered Paul too bossy, or they differed in MO [like Barnabas did in Acts 15.36]
◇ Some writers consider this slander by Paul against Herm, since Paul implies sinful motives. *pjm*

However, those who turn away from God can be restored, see notes at I Tim 1.19,20
* confess & forsake
* repent
* sorrow
* turn back

I Cor 5.7,9,11 “clean out. . .not to associate. . .not even to eat” II Cor 2.6-11 “sufficient”
1.16 “he oft refreshed me”

The 3 NEVERs and an ALWAYS

- * NEVER forget a giver. The size of the gift is unimportant.
- * NEVER forget a kindness done to you. Keep them on a mental or physical list.
- * NEVER cash a gift check without a **written [paper] THANK YOU.**
- * **ALWAYS** have a small box of Thank You cards in your desk drawer [already stamped].
encouragement, kindness, thanks.
E-mail is only to be used if you can't get a physical address in a reasonable amount of time. By the by, there are ways to send a beautiful “Thank You” email.

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“my chain” still in prison? or back in prison? *pjm, back in prison*
Many think Mamertine dungeon is extant in Rome.
Paul wrote II Tim by candle light. Try it sometime. It is hard and slow.
Paul was dropped through a hole. No windows or light. Visitors' admittance by bribing guards.
Onesimus often visited. Was O rich?
* Don't assume this is the slave of Philemon. *pjm, probably*
[aside: there are 13 different men named Obadiah in the Bible.]
“You've done it unto Me.” Jesus, Matt 25.35-40



My paragraph title: Some Friends are Faithful, Some Aren't
An APPLICATION I can use: Thank You Lord, for those who encourage and lift me.

2.1-7

2.1 “be strong” Josh 1.8,9 Eph 6.10
disciple people v.2
suffer hardship v.3
don't get tangled up with “living” v.4
focus on pleasing Him! v.4
keep the rules [of holiness] v.5



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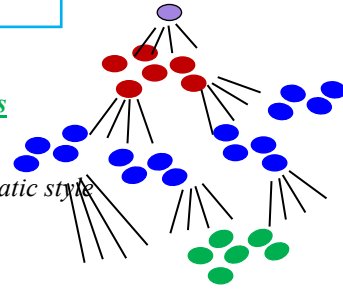
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"be strong" is not necessarily a diagnosis of Timothy's weak state of health or character.

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2.2 **"among many witnesses"** 26 nomadic church planters

see PhilMyersBlog.com [Paul's 26 Traveling Companions](#)

1st
KEY
VERSE
of
BOOK

P.T.S. = Paul's Traveling Seminary P.P.S. = Paul's Peripatetic Seminary, *Socratic style*
These were Tim's classmates in Paul's PTS/PPS
implication, "Start your own Bible school, Tim."

TIMOTHY BIBLE COLLEGE OF EPHEBUS - TBCE

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2.3,4 **"endure hardness"** athletic language

Christians must endure bec He alone is watching.

I Pet 5.7 "He careth for you."

no group awards in heaven

tough thinking, thankful heart,

paradox - death leads to life Gal 2.20 "I am crucified with Christ. . .I live"

suffering leads to glory

2.3,4 **"except he strive lawfully"**, Jim Thorpe

I Cor 3.11-15 wood, hay, stubble

II Cor 5.9 "We have as our ambition to be pleasing to Him!" [NASB]
run to please Jesus the reward is just a smile and a pat on the back, by Jesus

II Cor 5.10 (124) βαματος, *bamatos* = the Bema seat]

II Cor 12.10 "take pleasure" but don't gloat.

Gal 6.8 Christian busyness is not the goal, Jesus is.

"If you're too busy for people—you're too busy." HGHendricks

It is all about Jesus, not His work, rewards, or

2.5 OLYMPIC GAMES, at Olympus

- every 4 years at Mt. Olympus, BC 776 to AD 393 [1,169 years]
1,169 years without a break, all countries at war observed a cease-fire
- must be a citizen in good standing
- must abide by all rules and swear you had trained diligently for 10 months
- Paul beheaded AD 67, the next year [AD 68] would have been the Olympics



unlawfully

Jim Thorpe.

ISTHMIAN GAMES, at Corinth, every year prior to Olympics

isthmus = a narrow neck of land between 2 bodies of water connecting 2 land masses

2.6 **"the husbandman that laboreth"** farmer

Prov 24.30-34 field of sluggard

I Tim 5.18 don't muzzle the ox,

Gal 6.7 "whatsoever a man soweth. . ."



My paragraph title:

Be strong in grace

An APPLICATION I can use:

Thank You Lord, for always giving me an opportunity to serve in each church we've attended.

2.8-13

2.8 **"risen from the dead"**
"of the seed of David"

a theme in the Psalms, # 18, 37, 89,132

SING: **He is Lord!**



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- 2.10 **"I endure"** for the benefit of the Church
"elect" how to become one of the elect = believe [see notes at 1.9]
I Pet 1.2 the purpose of election = obedience
II Thes 2.13 the process of election "chosen to salvation"
chosen you through "sanctification of the Spirit" and "belief"
Election usually means "SELECTED TO SERVE."

2.11-13 **"dead with Him"**

Gal 2.20 "I am crucified. . .nevertheless I live"
II Cor 5.14,15 "one died for ll. . .all died. . .they live for Him"
Rom 6.6-10 old man is crucified with Him. . .not serve sin. . .live to God"
I Cor 15.31 "I die daily"
"if . . .dead" "with Him"
"if . . .suffer" "we also reign"

antithetical statements: i.e. if we "don't suffer" then we don't reign

"if . . .deny" He will deny us [the right to reign in the Kingdom?] **8KEYS**, #2 CONTEXT

This verse is thought to be a quote from a baptism ceremony [or later adopted as such].

implication: strong disapproval on those who mishandle the Word

Heb 10.38,39 = Hab 2.3,4 "the just shall live by his faith !!!"

This verse is quoted three times [3x] in NT: Rom 1.17 "salvation" & Gal 3.11 "salvation"

8KEYS, #2 CONTEXT is always salvific

"if we deny"

OPINION, PLEASE

- Is this denying that we know Him? [like Peter] Is it denying His deity?
 Is it denying salvation by grace Is it denying His holiness or other attributes?
* Peter's denial is found in all 4 gospels see John 18.15-18

"He also will deny us" [2.13 **"believe not"** = faithless]

OPINION, PLEASE

- Is this denying us the right to reign with Him?
 Will we be denied victory in our daily lives?
 Is it denying fellowship with Him?
 "deny Me. . .I'll deny you [rewards]" Mt 10.33

* If one only "professes" faith and then "denies" faith in Christ, Jesus will deny He ever knew that person. Matt 7.23 "I never knew you"

"He cannot deny Himself", believers are all sealed by the Spirit, Eph 1.13

"yet He abideth faithful"

Tit 1.2 God who never lies
Heb 6.18 impossible for Him to lie

I Jn 1.9 He is faithful to forgive, if we confess
I Thes 5.24 He is faithful Who called you to serve
II Thes 3.3 He is faithful to keep you from evil
I Cor 1.9 He is faithful called unto His fellowship
I Cor 10.13 He is faithful will not allow you to be tempted too much
Heb 10.23 He is faithful to save

see PhilMyersBlog.com **64 Irreversible Changes at Salvation**

My paragraph title:

An APPLICATION I can use:

Be Strong in Grace, disciple people, **Endure! Persist!**

He is faithful to me. I want to be more dependable to Him.

2.14-19

2.14 **"strive not"** = don't argue, don't "wrangle" [v.14], "chatter" [v.16], "talk" [v.17] NAS

2.23 **"unlearned questions"** = ignorant "controversies" ESV

Tit 3.9 "avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the Law, for they are unprofitable and vain."

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- * discussing the matter only on an intellectual level
- * What about “dorm discussions” [*with much ranting and elevated volume*] which can be extremely profitable because the purpose of the discussion is to sharpen our theological understanding.
- * bickering about semantics when you both mean the same thing [*whose wording is best?*] *pjm*

Notice that none of the following verses even mention faith. Does that mean salvation is entirely by works and doesn’t include the Cross? Of course not.

Matt 19.17 if you want to enter into eternal life—keep the commandments
Mark 10.21 one thing is lacking, sell & follow. . . have treasure in heaven
Lk 10.27 love the Lord with heart, soul, strength, mind. . . thou shalt love
John 5.29 they that have done good. . . resurrection of life
John 8.51 if a man keep My words he shall never see death [*Impossible! No one has kept all of Jesus’ words completely, yet*]

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Q 2.15 “study” σπουδασον [*spoudason*] = also translated: be diligent, be eager, do your best, make effort, labor, endeavor, diligence

- * one pastor’s translation of “study to show yourself” = “do your best to present yourselves”
- * “study” is not book learning, Scripture memorization, or theological hairsplitting
- * This is not the instruction just to get as smart as Paul. He was as a “Pharisee of the Pharisees,” that is, a PhD in theology. Paul had memorized huge portions of the OT, and certainly every verse of the Torah [*the first 250 pages of your Bible*], and probably the entire hymnbook of Psalms [*another 70 pages in your Bible*].

* This injunction, study, may be comparable to an understudy’s role in opera or a school play. The understudy is not just memorizing the lines of the composer, he/she is intensely trying to grasp everything that the star of the show is doing with the intent that he’ll take his place if the star gets sick or has the night off. It is a consuming desire to duplicate the essence of the master actor/singer in his own life.

Acts 17.11 “those at Berea. . . searched the Scriptures”

I Pet 3.15 “be ready always to give an answer. . .” The “answer” = Jesus crucifixion!

* to bury oneself in the Word, **follows Paul’s using** such intense words as:

3 endure hardness as a good soldier

5 strive for masteries

6 laboreth

10 endure all things

11 dead with Him

12 suffer. . . reign

* **followed by** such words as:

21 purge himself

22 flee. . . lusts

Q “rightly dividing” ορθοτομονντα [*orthotomounta*] = to cut straight, [*ortho = straight*] thinking hard, “handling accurately” [*NAS*] of Scripture compared with other Scripture, [*implied: memorizing, applying, & interpreting*]

* observation, interpretation, application

* II Pet 1.20 no prophecy is of any private interpretation

* “A sloppy [*pastor*] will handle God’s Word deceitfully in order to make it say what he wants it to say.”
Warren Wiersbe, Be Faithful p.144

* II Cor 4.2 “nor handling the Word of God deceitfully”
“we refuse to tamper with God’s Word” *ESV*

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- 2.16 true believers can spot the **“profane”** and **“shun”** it
I Pet 2.6 “he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded”
I Jn 4.1,2 “try the spirits” try, = **δοκιμάζετε, [dokimasete]** = test, investigate, analyze,
examine [context is Gnostic teaching]
- 2.17 Major Church Councils addressed several prevalent false doctrines: Jesus’ deity, human nature,
eternity, Canon of Scripture, etc.
The first Council was held in Ephesus in 325 AD.
“their words will eat as doth a cancer” gangrene always infects good tissue
Hymeneaus, I Tim 1.20, “delivered to Satan” by Paul
Philetus
Would these men call themselves Christians? **8KEYS, #8 T.B.D.S.** *pjm?*
- 2.18 **“resurrection is past. . . overthrow the faith of some”** [the first specific heresy mentioned]
In the Tribulation the resurrection will “be past” but it will not “overthrow the faith.” Why not?
If it is past [and they are still there], then the rez is spiritual, not physical, implying that heaven
may also be spiritual, and not actually a destination
- 3.1 Last Days & Apostasy
I Tim 4.1 some will depart from the faith
I Tim 5.8 some have denied the faith
I Tim 5.12 some have cast off their first faith
I Tim 6.10 some have erred [been seduced] from the faith
I Tim 6.21 some have erred concerning the faith
II Tim 2.18 some have overthrown the faith
II Tim 3.8 some are reprobate concerning the faith

Specific heresies mentioned in First Timothy

First Tim 1.4 genealogies
First Tim 1.7 desiring [wrongly] to be teachers
First Tim 4.3 forbid marriage, abstain from meat
First Tim 4.7 godless, silly myths
First Tim 6.20 false knowledge [gnosko, science]

- 2.19 **“nameth the Name of Christ”** = [true believer] a bland, unclear term **8KEYS, #7 UNCLEAR**
“depart from iniquity”

Good works are an enormous part of the Christian life. Once we’re saved it is all about HIM,
and all about being good to please Him! Yes, we have the right to be fruit inspectors [“by their
fruit ye shall know them”] but only God can see the heart. Works are not the litmus test of faith.

[see PhilMyersBlog.com](http://PhilMyersBlog.com) 2 Calvinists’ Anxiety About Their Salvation: Sproul & MacArthur

They both admit they judge their faith by their works.

My paragraph title:

Handle the Word Well

An APPLICATION I can use:

As a teacher I will strive to be a better student of God’s Word.

2.20-26

- 2.20 **“some to honor and some to dishonor”**

Honor a pastor as a tool [weapon] in the Holy Spirit’s hand - godly
Dishonor—Judas, Ananias, Hymeneaus, Pilate, Pharaoh - ungodly

The **Healthy** local church has at least 5 kinds of people.

- ◇ strong, godly, mature believers
- ◇ godly growing believers [spiritual teenagers]
- ◇ babes
- ◇ unsaved, curious as to what godly people have that he’s missing
- ◇ carnal, too proud to drop out, he stays to be seen

—an observation by my former pastor, Rodney Stromlund

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Rom 9.21 “potter” determines suitability
“fitted to destruction [*unsaved*]. . . prepared for glory [*saved*]”
a personal choice of which category

I Cor 12.23,24 v. 22 “feeble”
“less honorable. . . uncomely” jobs within the Body of Christ

2.21 **“if a man therefore purge himself from these”** the importance of purity
“more abundant honor. . . comely” if a man purge [*clean*] himself = honorable vessel
Your **OPINION PLEASE**. There are 2 lists of sins. One preceding and one following this statement.
From the context, to which list does the word “**purge from. . . these**” in this verse refer?

- purge from **preceding list**?: vain babblings [*16*], ungodiness [*16*], deny rez [*18*]
 purge from **following list**?: flee lusts [*22*], foolish questions [*23*], strive [*24*]

2.22 Prov 6.16-19 “seven things doth the Lord hate” [How many begin in the mouth?] _____
“flee” sensuality is not the context

Rom 6.12 sin can control a believer’s life “let not _____”
(fill-in-the-blank)

SIN CAN REIGN, YOU KNOW?

The fact that Paul warns Christians not to allow sin to reign, indicates that there is a choice each believer has - to live in sin or to resist temptation and live godly. This absolutely destroys the Calvinist argument that “no Christian can persistently live a carnal life.”

Yes, there are true believers who consistently—break speed laws, complain, gossip, and even tell fibs, yet they are still saved. We’re ashamed of them. And it hurts our Savior’s heart.

The Bible says we have a choice to **“flee.”**

- walk away Gen 39.12 “[*Joseph*] got him out” **FLEE!** EX. Ann M.
- In times of temptation I sing songs that starts with the word “Jesus.”
- You may have to stop a friendship.
- Think in terms of eternity.
- Quote Scripture.
- Develop a habit of captivating your mind.
- Pour the cement of “**predetermined dedication**” down your spine.

see PhilMyersBlog.com [Predetermined Dedication](#)

SING: Take Time to be Holy

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord.
Abide with Him always and feed on His Word.
Make friends of God’s children, help those who are weak,
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on.
Spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus like Him thou shalt be.
Thy friends, in thy conduct, His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul.
Each thought and each motive beneath His control.
Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love,
Thou soon shall be fitted for service above.
William Longstaff, 1882

List at
2.16-18

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Fifteen youthful lusts:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> sensuality | <input type="checkbox"/> short temper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> pride / conceit / arrogance / ego
/ selfishness / self-centeredness | <input type="checkbox"/> self-sufficiency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ambition, ladder climbing | <input type="checkbox"/> self-importance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> strife, arguing | <input type="checkbox"/> money |
| <input type="checkbox"/> reputation, fame - the roar of the crowd | <input type="checkbox"/> possessions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> esteem of the spiritual leader of a group [pastor] | <input type="checkbox"/> education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> strong will | <input type="checkbox"/> groping after authority |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> strong personality |

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OPINION, please - do it now! Check off at least 2 above!

2.22 The antidote to youthful lusts: v.22 **“righteous living. . .faith. . .charity/love. . .peace”**

2.23 **“foolish and unlearned question, avoid”**

foolish questions = the issue is pride, your pride, my pride

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|---|--------------------------------|
| Angels on the head of a pin? | Why doesn't God destroy Devil? |
| Why is there evil? | Where did God come from? |
| Why does sin exist? [not among animals] | Lift rock? |
| Supremacy of democracy? | Date of Rapture? |

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A partial answer questions.

When you were 6 years old you asked your teacher, What is 2 minus 7?”

Your teacher did not lie when she answered, “We can't subtract 7 from 2. If we have 2 oranges, we can't take away 7 oranges.”

At that age your mind couldn't grasp the concept of negative numbers. *Like your checkbook.*

God has written many important truths which a new believer can easily grasp, but He has also given us many difficult topics which we can only understand through hard work and a thorough knowledge of the whole Bible, by comparing OT & NT passages. Don't expect to take a test over chapter 28 of a physics book before you examine the first 27 chapters thoroughly and pass the tests.

There is no joy or profit in winning an argument if it doesn't bring someone closer to trusting Jesus. Learn when to back off.

2.24 **“gentle. . .patient. . .meekness”** Jesus' was gentle, am I? Am I making progress?

Romans 12.18 . . .live peaceably with all men

avoid... **“do not strive. . .”** **μαχησθηα [machesthai]** = strive, contentious arguing, strive, quarrel, don't be quarrelsome about picky theology [but at the same time we have to learn to refute bad theology]

Don't play Devil's advocate

Don't wrangling as with a steer

Jude 3 “earnestly contend” but don't bicker

Prov 13.10 only by pride comes contention

Prov 22.10 cast out the scorner and. . .strife & reproach will cease

Prov 15.1 a soft answer turns away wrath

My Proverbs' chapter headings:

Chapt 10 The Mouth

see also James 3 set on fire by hell!



How is the mouth included in the mandates for elders? [I Tim 3.1-7]

Chapt 15 Tactful Speech

Chapt 18 More About the Mouth

Chapt 26 Fools

“servant” δουλος [doulos] = servant, slave, bondsman

[several similes]

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|-----------------|------|
| we are soldiers | 2.5 |
| and athletes | 2.5 |
| and farmers | 2.6 |
| and workmen | 2.15 |
| and vessels | 2.20 |

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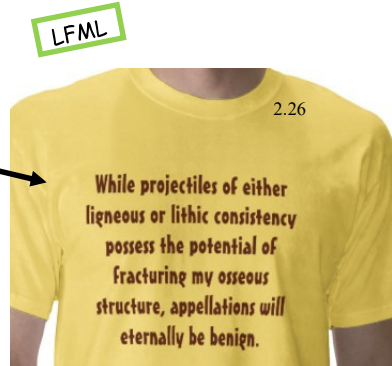
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2.25 **“with meekness instructing”** an iron fist in a velvet glove
Getting them to repent and turn to the **“truth”**.
Moses wrote, “Moses was very meek. . .above all men” Num 12.3

2.26 **“snare of the Devil”**
Our goal is not to defeat the Devil, but to rescue a friend from the Devil’s grip.
Prov 25.15 [false] gentleness can break bones

“Sticks & stones can. . .but names will never. . .WANNA BET?”

My paragraph title: Lives of Honor
An APPLICATION I can use: Am I making steady progress against those “little sins” in my life?



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3.1-9

3.1 **“last days”** simply an expression of the years [centuries] before the Tribulation
“perilous times shall come”
expect trouble
all the sins Paul named in the last days were alive and well in Solomon’s day & today
So, what’s new?
not necess persecution or danger to us personally
error in faith and practice
denial of truth as well as fabricating “new” truth

II Pet 3.3ff “in last days scoffers”
error = ignorance of revealed truth
apostasy = deliberately reject revealed truth
What are the errors and the “lusts” of your generation?
I Tim 6.5 “men of corrupt minds”

See extensive description of nature of false prophets II Pet 2.1-19
3.2-5 **“lovers of their own selves”** set themselves up as the highest authority in the universe
“covetous” = greed rules our era [assume you are twice as greedy as you think]
3.4 **“heady, highminded”** = reckless, rash, jumping to conclusions
“false accusers” = slanderers, not always liars, malicious gossips
“despisers of those that are good”
Isa 5.20 “call evil good”
Pro 17.15 he who condemns the just
Prov 4.16 can’t sleep unless they cause someone to fall
Mal 2.17 they say, “everyone who does good is evil”
Rom 1.32 “they not only do [sins], but have pleasure in them that do them”

The Awful 18
2 Tim 3:2-5
lovers of self
lovers of money
boastful
arrogant
blasphemers
disobedient to
parents
unthankful
unholy
unloving
trucebreakers
malicious gossips
without self-control
fierce
haters of good
traitors
reckless
conceited
lovers of pleasures
a form of godliness

APPLICATION:
Please check
Have you ever been or still are guilty of any of these sins?

“lovers of pleasure”, the trouble with our “cult of leisure”

THE DISTRACTION OF THE CHURCH IN 21ST CENTURY!

Which of these would be considered “luxuries” for poorer Christians around the world?
You were born into a rich culture. Use it to glorify God, not to pamper yourself.
EX. Borden of Yale, 1900

OPINION, PLEASE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> eating out | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas loot | <input type="checkbox"/> more clothes | <input type="checkbox"/> gluttony |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TV | <input type="checkbox"/> sports tickets | <input type="checkbox"/> golf | <input type="checkbox"/> hunting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hobbies | <input type="checkbox"/> free time | <input type="checkbox"/> movies | <input type="checkbox"/> gym membership |

I tell my Bible college students, “If I ever hear you have fallen away I will hunt you down, grab you by the throat, stare into your soul, and ask you this question!

“When did you first know that you were choosing the path down the slippery slope?”

3.4

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3.5 **“having a form of godliness”** This is the Sunday-morning-only church crowd

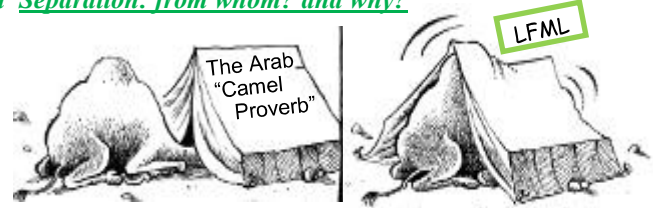
Some love the act of “loving God” more than they love God.
planned crescendos based on emotions to set the stage for speaking in tongues
[or giving, decisions, salvation, etc.]

Rom 1.25 “changed the truth of God into a lie”
I Cor 6.9,10 10 sinners excluded from the Kingdom of God
“from such turn away” an active choice

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3.6 **“creep into houses”** *see my blog PhilMyersBlog.com Separation: from whom? and why?*

II Cor 11.13-15 ravening wolves
cunning teachers
your father the Devil
angels of light



“lead captive silly women” weak women, gullible, vulnerable

Does Paul imply that women are more susceptible to false doctrine? There is no doubt that men, in general, feel they are pretty sharp at discernment, and won't get fooled often—business, politics, making a deal, religion, etc.; and so men think they won't get fooled by false teachers, either.

* Men are guilty, too.

“diverse lusts” power, influence, riches, followers, beauty, attention, etc.

3.7 **“ever learning but never able. . . .”**
never coming to “fear of the Lord” which is the beginning of education. Prov 1.7
Acts 17.21 “Athenians. . . spent their time in nothing else but either to tell, or to hear something new”

3.8,9 **“Jannes & Jambres”** **SKEYS**, #3 COMPARE W/ O.T.

Exod 7.11 magicians, resisted the truth
* I wonder whether they had ever done a real miracle before throwing down their rods.
* Who are the false prophets today?
TV, church pulpits, books, organizations, schools and politicians, actors, video games, kids' literature, movie directors, Mister Rogers, Sesame Street, et al.
* false prophets or teachers
* Bible books mention them: Diotrephes, Hymenaeus, Hermogenes, et al
Jn 14.6 “I am the truth”

COMMON ERRORS

Because you have been raised in a generation where “change for the sake of change” is so commonplace in society you have to be EXTRA CAREFUL that biblical things never change - only methodology changes.

- * Ignorance
- * Apostasy
- * Turn your back on orthodoxy because it has not kept up with the times [changed].
- * Fall away, heresy.
- * Reject what you once held to be truth.
- * Buy into false teaching.

My paragraph title: Wicked Times Ahead
An APPLICATION I can use: Which of the “Awful 18” tempt me most? How am I guarding myself against them?

3.10-13

3.10 **“my manner of life”** imitate me
[write this list next to one of these verses in your Bible] your followers should be able to duplicate you.

I Cor 11.1 “Be ye followers of me even as I also am of Christ.”
Phil 3.1 Phil 4.9 I Cor 4.16
II Tim 2.2 I Thes 1.6 II Thes 3.7,9



SING: May all who come behind us find us faithful

Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful.
May the fire of our devotion light their way.
May the footprints that we leave, lead them to believe,
And the lives we live inspire them to obey.

Jon Mohr, 1988

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- 3.12 “live godly. . .suffer persecution” How much? How often? From whom? Testing your authenticity?
3.11 Tim was with Paul in these 3 cities: Antioch, Iconium, Lystra
3.13 “worse and worse” this is a principle, not a prediction
Some unbelievers even seem to get “better” as they age. Maybe more subtle form of evil.

My paragraph title:

Follow Me

An APPLICATION I can use:

If those who look up to me copy my weaknesses [to excess]
how will they live?

3.14-17

- 3.15,16 “from a child thou hast known the Holy Scripture” teach doctrine in the cradle
[see PhilMyersBlog.com](#) Age of Accountability
[see PhilMyersBlog.com](#) Family Worship with multiple children:
140 ideas from a dad with 9 kids
[see PhilMyersBlog.com](#) Memorization Plans
“wise unto salvation” yes, children can understand salvation if made clear
[see PhilMyersBlog.com](#) 211 verses in the NT faith = salvation
[14 include “not of works”]
[see PhilMyersBlog.com](#) Easy-believe-ism? You betcha!
[see PhilMyersBlog.com](#) Kids’ Heaven evangelistic tract

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No matter what I teach in all my children’s classes, I always take several minutes to explain God’s wonderful message of salvation from sin. I always include these 7 things:

1. God is holy
2. We are not
3. punishment for sin—separation from God forever and ever
4. Jesus loves us and took that punishment for us when He died on the Cross
5. being good does not pay for our sins
6. believe Jesus died in our place
7. God has made a promise to us. The moment we believe He died for us He gives us the gift of eternal life in heaven.

HOMEWORK: Take one minute three times and explain these 7 things as though you were talking to someone who is very interested in what you have to say. *I have a friend who practiced in front of his mirror to do this. Maybe you want to pretend your best unsaved friend is sitting in front of you and you’ve just said, “I don’t think I’ve ever told you the seven most important things in my life, have I?”*

I think I can guarantee that you’ll do it better each time. Go head. Do it now!

- * Notice that I never mention “heart” or “white as snow” or “pray to get Jesus” or “come into my life.”
- * Any adult can get a small child to say something with his eyes closed by saying, “Just ask Jesus to come into your heart,” without explaining anything about sin, or the penalty of sin, or the kid’s own personal wickedness.

By the by, I still have no idea what “let Jesus into your heart means.”

It certainly doesn’t sound at all like, “Trust Jesus as the One who paid for your sin.”

- * I had eternal life as a child when my dad explained this to me.
- * By the by, I explain it the same way to adulterers, policemen, teens, grandmothers, and even people.
- * I may say change your mind [*repent, μετανοια, metaanoia*] about trying to earn your salvation by good works, but I never uses the word repent because most Americans think it means “stop sinning enough and you’ll please God enough to get into heaven.”

K.I.S.S. = Keep It Simple, Sweetie! Even criminals can understand salvation when it is explained simply as to a child.

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The other Greek letters, lower case

θ ψ φ ϕ ζ ξ χ

These are 18 easiest-to-recognize letters
in the 24-letter Greek alphabet.

α β δ ε γ ι κ λ μ ν ο ω π ρ σ τ υ ς
a b d e g i k l m n o o p r s t u s

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see my blog PhilMyersBlog.com [Easy-believe-ism, you betcha!](#)

*I've met thousands of people who were saved with
a simple message and live wonderful, godly
lives!*

I, too, was saved believing this a long time ago.

“inspiration” **θηοπνευστια** [*theopneustia*] = from “pneuma”
most commonly translated—spirit, wind, & breath

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- The idea of “in-breathed” is **unlike**:
energized with creativity galvanized uplifted
touched by divine feelings set aglow phenomenal performance
human excellence exalted truly world class
stimulated to magnificent action or thought

- Inspiration’s effect on us: Heb 4.12
“quick [*alive*] and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword”
“piercing. . .the soul and spirit”
“discerner of the thoughts”
“discerner of. . .intents [*my intentions, my motives*]”

* Shakespeare may be “inspired,” but he can’t do any of the above!
Gen 3.5 first attack on God’s words [*this is the 61st verse in the Bible*]

Heb 4.12 alive, breath of life
Bible is the only living book, but it doesn’t grow

“Inspiration” is not dictation [*but it’s pretty close*]
READ THESE THREE DEFINITIONS ALOUD 3 TIMES EACH.

- * Verbal = exactly the words God wanted to use
- * Plenary = all the Bible content is directly from God through inward prompting
- * Inerrant = without mistakes [*in the original manuscripts*]

Yes, there are a very few historical & scientific inconsistencies in the Bible.

EXAMPLE:

I Chron 10.8 23,000 died in one day
Num 25.9 24,000 died

Both numbers are probably approximations

Ryrie, p 81 [Basic Theology](#), Victor Books, [see p. 83 for brief explanation]

One reason that glaring “errors” were never changed, is that copyists didn’t know who made the copy error in the past, and none of them was intentionally going to make a “correction: without assurance that he was positive which [*number*] was correct and which [*number*] was in error. Copyists had an enormous respect for the Word of God and handwritten copies were destroyed if they had mistakes made by copyists. Yes, sometimes misspellings and other mistakes occurred, but the scribes even counted the number of lines, words, and even letters were counted on every single page of the Bible after it was copied.

No, the King James Version is not inspired in the same way Moses, Paul, John and others were “inspired.” But the translators were, in my opinion and research, the most meticulous in their work.

- I Pet 1.19 “I’d have to see it to believe it.”
- Acts 4.16 Pharisees saw Peter’s miracle and said, “. . .we cannot deny it.”
They no doubt would have denied it if they could.
Later they asked for a sign at the Cross and said that they would believe.
- Mat 27.42 Peter considered his Bible “a more sure [*more reliable*] word of prophecy;”
better than seeing with his own eyes when Jesus was baptized.
Greater confidence in the Bible than in his face-to-face times with Christ.

Write a definition of inspiration that would satisfy a high school senior. Don’t use the words “God-breathed.”

Inspiration is _____

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"doctrine"
"reproof"
"correction"
"instruction in righteousness"

WHAT IS RIGHT
WHAT YOU DID WRONG
WHAT YOU SHOULD HAVE DONE
HOW TO DO WHAT YOU SHOULD HAVE DONE

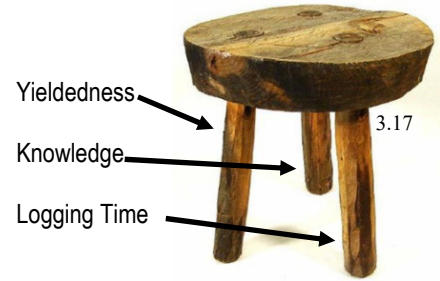
3.17 "perfect" mature, solid, complete, adequate, equipped, fully capable, the ultimate Christian, elder material not sinless, but blameless [I Tim 3.2]
Ps 119.9 "How shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed. . . according to Thy Word."

Someone who has been proven, not only on the varsity team—but a starter, head & shoulders above the commitment of the hoi-polloi, unshakeable

"thoroughly furnished" equipped, every muscle ripped, not a spot overlooked
No closet in your life is off limits to the Master.

3-fold recipe for spiritual maturity [all parts needed in large measures]

YIELEDNESS TO HIS WILL.100%
KNOWLEDGE OF Bible.thorough
LOGGING TIME WALKING IN THE Spirit. . . .much Time



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My paragraph title: The Word is Your Security
An APPLICATION I can use: I will be more thankful for those who taught me the Bible.

4.1-8 [the last chapter Paul ever wrote]

4.1 "I charge thee" pay attention!
"at His appearing. . . and . . . kingdom" What are the implications of these two words?
* This is His 2nd Coming at the beginning of His 1,000 year reign—the Millennium.
"judge the quick & the dead"
Rom 14.10-12 knees bow, tongues confess, everyone gives account of himself [of course this doesn't determine destination]
I Cor 4.5 "bring to light [judge] the hidden things. . . ." [Why?]
Rev 20.11-15 opening the Book and the books [when?]
"quick", = alive, those believers still alive [who "endured to the end"] at the end of the Tribulation saints will enter the earthly Kingdom as its first citizens in Jesus' earthly reign.
"dead" those believers who died in the Battle of Armageddon during the Trib.

4.2 "preach the Word" burned into the leather on my Bible
"preach" κηρυσσω [kerusso] = to herald, proclaim, announce the news
exegesis means to "draw out" what is in the text
exposition means to "expose" the meaning of the words
I have preached in the pulpits of 100 churches. Sometimes there is a clock imbedded in the pulpit, as a reminder to quit at 11.59. Sometimes this verse—"PREACH THE WORD!"
The most often inscribed verse is, "Sir, we would see Jesus." Jn 12.21
Use Scripture! Jesus did. Don't say anything if you can't paraphrase a verse for it.
preach truth not [just] memorable stories
* The primacy of preaching the Word when the church assembles.

"instant in season"
Always have a sermon, a "talk," a devotional to deliver whenever the moment arises.

"reprove" "Comfort the afflicted, but afflict the comfortable!"
"rebuke" correct "Don't encourage those who should be rebuked."
"exhort" encourage

4.3 "with all longsuffering" [patience] Ah, may this characterize all our instruction.
"itching ears" = giving the people whatever they want to hear. . . omit what they don't want.
. . . omit sin, omit consequences of sin, omit reaching the lost,
omit evangelism, omit holy living, omit doctrine. . .

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4.4 “they shall turn away”

the lure of false doctrine [*a salve for itchy ears*] and the latest religious fad.

- one uppance, “I know some Christian thing that you don’t”
- dissatisfaction with the old-fashioned: same old hymns, same old teaching, same Old Story
- sound doctrine can sound boring [and this is true.
- fascination with change or seemingly intellectual studies: numerology, new views of tribulation teaching, healing, the gift of knowledge, doctrines of the educated & intelligentsia [*i.e. Age of Reason, 1800s, liberalism, thinking, higher criticism, rationalism, Calvinism, the da Vinci Code, New Age thinking, the Flood, Creationism, the Gap Theory, JEDP, anti-Pauline authorship, chiasitic constructions, super lapsarianism, consubstantiation, the Deeper Life, meditation, ad infinitum*]
- cultish following of an individual. “Well, Dr. So-and-so said. . . .” Confidence in a strong personality supersedes one’s responsibility to do his own thinking. My observation is that cultish speakers start out with an orthodox basis and build several levels of sound doctrine on it before making a slight departure which leads to a huge departure from orthodoxy. They are followed because of good teaching. They are dangerous because of bad hermeneutics.

The problem is the root not the fruit.

Find the wrong turn in the road, and you find the solution.

Find poor hermeneutics, and you’ll find the cause. Find a moral deficit, and you’ll find the excuse.

Show them the cracks in their foundation, and you give them the reason to question their confidence.

We’re not trying to tell them how stupid they are, we’re attempting to open their eyes to a wrong turn they took unwittingly.

II Cor 11.13-15 “false apostles of Christ. . . Satan”

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4.5 “work of an evangelist” This comes right on the heels of “Preach the Word.”

**“One-on-one” evangelism is the most
powerful tool in God’s toolbox
to reach the world.”**

4.5

Your pastor should “Tell it Often, Tell it Well” by Larry Moyer, EvanTell, inc.
live with the mindset that everyone is lost

Acts 21.8 Philip, the evangelist/deacon [*not Jesus’ disciple*]

Eph 4.11 there is a gift of evangelism, and most soul winners don’t have it *pjm*

The “evangelist” is driven to win the lost one way, the teacher does his evangelism in another way, the giver in another, the hospitality guy pursues the work of evangelism in still a different direction, but all constantly should have a passion to reach the lost!

4.5 “make full proof of your ministry”

Col 4.17 “Say to Archippus, take heed to the ministry thou hast received in the Lord that thou fulfill it.”

This is my “life verse.” I have my name written above Archippus’ name. If you have a special verse, I’d be honored to write your name in my Bible on the page next to your special verse.

I will try to be diligent in praying for you when I see your name.

I already have the names of perhaps six hundred of my Bible college students, missionaries, friends, 150 pastors, and fellow professors in my Bible.

Everyone has a “spiritual gift” [*Eph 4.11*] and a service to perform in his/her local church. Toads who just show up for the preaching and go home are often useless to God’s work on earth. Don’t be a toad. Go find out how you can be involved.

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Your Ministry

PHIL'S OFFICIAL LIST OF 45 SPIRITUAL GIFTS NOT MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE

Maybe your spiritual gift is:

[see PhilMyersBlog.com](http://seePhilMyersBlog.com) [Phil's Official List of 45 Spiritual Gifts](#)

praying for every person in your congregation.

Maybe it is **teaching**

or **singing**

or **passing out** tracts

or providing **snacks** for a Sunday School class

or **counseling** friends

or **babysitting** during the teen youth meetings

or **parking** cars

or carrying **umbrellas**

praying for Ranch speakers

or making a copy each week of those who were saved over the internet and **pray for them by name**

or **straightening** the hymnbooks

or **folding and stapling**

or **trimming** the pastor's bushes

or **shampooing** the pastor's rugs annually

or running Church office **errands**

or making a **prayer list from requests** on Wed nite and distributing it by church email

or **vacuuming**

or being the permanent **babysitter** for families who go witnessing at the mall on Friday nites

or **trimming** bushes

or bringing two **small pots of flowers from your backyard** each week to put on the platform

or **washing** church windows twice a year

or finding ways to make the church leadership more **efficient** or doing **hospital** visitation

or giving free **rides** to anybody - day or night

or taking every church **visitor** to Wendy's after church [*maybe once a month*]

or talking to every visitor who **sits in your row** or sit in a row **with a visitor**

or . . .well, you get it, [*psst. . .you don't need to know the name of your gift—just use it!*]

It's my observation [*over 50 years as a church consultant*] that **50% of the people in our congregations** have the “**gift of helps**.” That probably includes you. So, just help every time you get a chance, and enjoy the smile of God on your “ministry.”

[see my blog PhilMyersBlog.com](http://seePhilMyersBlog.com) [Spiritual Gifts: finding & using](#)

P.S. I don't like those “Spiritual Gifts” tests. If an unsaved person fills in any squares he/she gets a false sense that he is endowed with a special ministry in the local church. All the “surveys” really do is that everyone comes away with a clearer knowledge of his own personality profile.

The Bible never says we are to **name** our gift—just that we are to **use** our gift. The “lists” are given 4 times and no two of them are alike. There is no definitive “list.”

4.6 Paul is ready to die. “**time of my departure**” Paul is going to lose his head to Nero.

“**departure**” *αναλυσεος [analyseos]* = to loose, leave, unyoke, release

II Cor 5.1-8 my “earthly tent” “absent from the body. . .present” **8KEYS**, #3 COMPARE

I Jn 3.2,3 “when we shall see Him” every believer should be itchy to go in the Rapture

SING: I'VE JUST SEEN JESUS! I TELL YOU HE'S ALIVE!

It was late afternoon when we got to the tomb,
wrapped His body and sealed up the grave.

so I know how you feel,

His death was so real,

but please listen and hear what I say.

I've just seen Jesus! I tell you He's alive!

I've just seen Jesus, Our precious Lord alive,

and I knew, He really saw me, too;



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The other Greek letters, lower case

θ ψ φ ϕ ζ ξ χ

These are 18 easiest-to-recognize letters
in the 24-letter Greek alphabet.

α β δ ε γ ι κ λ μ ν ο ω π ρ σ τ υ ς
a b d e g i k l m n o o p r s t u s

Check all that you'd
LOVE to
do long
term.

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as if till now, I'd never lived!
all that I've done before won't matter anymore.
I've just seen Jesus
and I'll never be the same again!

- 4.7 **“kept the faith”** but they didn't keep it to themselves.
4.8 **“crown of righteousness”** rewards for faithful living, *earthly slaves never received medals or rewards for their service*



Match 5
names to
crowns

I Thes 4.13-18	righteousness	love His appearing = “that day,” Rapture
I Cor 9.24,27	incorruptible crown	for self-control
I Thes 2.19	crown of rejoicing	soul winner's crown
Jas 1.12	crown of life	love Jesus, martyr's crown, <i>Rev 10.2</i>
I Pet 5.4	crown of glory	for faithful pastor's only

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= **Well Done!**



My paragraph title:

Preach the Word

An APPLICATION I can use:

The greatest satisfaction in my life's work should be that

I'm thrilled to be a valuable instrument in the Holy Spirit's hands in my local church.

Session

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4.9-18

- 4.9 **“come to me”**
4.10,11 **“Demas hath forsaken me having loved”** Why did Demas go to Thessalonika? For ministry or money?
The church at Thes seemed to be large and thriving.
In Pilgrim's Progress “Demas” is the keeper of a silver mine at the Hill of Lucre
Phile 24 called a fellow laborer
“NEVER JUDGE A MAN'S MOTIVES!”
K.O.G. an overstatement, but a pretty good maxim
“Never be unwilling to admit that you judged a person's motives. Just apologize & forgive.” *pjm*
“Crescens” - [by implication] a neg reason [Paul is close to maligning him]
“Luke” stays, but isn't it okay to leave [forsake?] a ministry, or even a good friend who has needs if God wants you in another place?
“Titus to Dalmatia” 300 miles north of Macedonia [Europe]
“take Mark” re: Acts 13.13 “John [Mark] departed” Once a burr under Paul's saddle, 20 years later, he is a valuable co-worker **8KEYS, #3 COMPARE**
- 4.13 **“especially the [blank?] parchments”** [skins] *“I have a lot of writing to do before I die.”*
Paul's only 57 years old.
“books” he's planning to study until his head is severed
- 4.14 **“Alexander...coppersmith...the Lord will repay”**
see my blog PhilMyersBlog.com 12 Canaanite Idols and Their “Powers”
Paul seldom offers an imprecatory prayer. Here's one.
David wrote 14 imprecatory [denunciation, vengeance] Psalms
SIDE BAR: Paul calls 100 people by name in his letters. Almost all are co-workers in ministry.
Gal 5.12 no man shall set on thee to hurt thee [ahem, except for some lashes]
Acts 27.23 no loss of life [because an angel stood beside me]
Habakkuk “O, no! Not the Chaldeans!”
- 4.16 **“first answer”** first trial in front of Nero? God had promised Paul that he would stand before Kings [Acts 27.24] I think he must have had a wonderful opportunity to explain salvation was free when he met Nero. Do you think this irritated Nero? Yes No

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4.17 **“the Lord stood with me”** Lord had promised to stay with Paul
27.22,23 “an angel. . . stood beside me. . . you must stand before Caesar.”
“delivered out of the mouth of the lion”

Two meanings: a.] being sent by (the lion) Nero or
b.] into the (lion’s) arena. Lion’s den was not for Roman citizens.
* Some even feel it might be (the lion) Satan. I Pet 5. *pjm?*

My paragraph title:

Bring the Parchments

An APPLICATION I can use:

I also have a great deal of writing to do. May I be found faithful.

4.19-22

4.19,20 **“Trophimus. . . Miletus”** 25 miles south of Ephesus Acts 20.17 on the beach?
Since Paul couldn’t heal him, this seems to indicate a phasing out of the healing & sign gifts. By
the way, this would mean Paul lost his “sign gift” **before** the completion of the canon. *pjm*

Comment:

Some believe [*with obscure reasons*] that “now I know in part. . . that which is perfect is come,” [*I Cor 13.9,13*] refers clearly to the completion of the NT canon. They believe that this clearly indicates that when the Bible is completed [*this would mean tat by AD 95, the writing of The Revelation by John*], the sign gifts would stop on the very day that John wrote the last verse of Revelation chapter 22 according to I Cor 13.8 “*gifts of prophecy they will be done away, if there are tongues, they will cease.*”

Although I believe the sign gifts actually did cease sometime in the first century, I don’t believe I Cor 13;8 is a clear enough biblical prophecy regarding the completion of the Canon. I believe it is a general statement that Jesus [*He Who is perfect*] coming to earth would fulfill all our “partial” understanding of OT Scripture. *pjm*

Eh? This definition seems to be important to some theologians.

3 factoids:

Canon = measuring stick

Athanasius of Alexandria was the first to declare the 27 books of the NT as the completed canon, in 367 AD in opposition to Constantine’s ecumenical efforts.

The Canon of Trent, which is Athanasius’ Bible in the order we have it, was finally confirmed in Council of Carthage in AD 397.

My paragraph title:

Grace

Next event on Paul’s agenda—the horizontal guillotine!



END OF II TIMOTHY

II Timothy'
Scripture Memory Verses

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 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.

2 Tim 3.15-17 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. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

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