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2 Timothy

2 Timothy 1

2 Timothy 1:1

ULT

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, according to the promise of life that {is} in Christ Jesus,

UST

¹ {From} Paul, a man who represents Jesus the Messiah because this is what God wants {me to do}. I tell others that God has promised that we can live {forever} with the Messiah Jesus.

How did Paul become an apostle of Christ?

Paul became an apostle of Christ through the will of God.

2 Timothy 1:2

ULT

² to Timothy, {my} beloved child: Grace, mercy, {and} peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

UST

² To Timothy. I love you as if you were my own son. May God our Father and the Messiah Jesus our Lord act kindly and mercifully to you, and keep you peaceful.

What does Paul say is his relationship with Timothy?

Paul calls Timothy his "beloved child."

2 Timothy 1:3

ULT

³ I have gratitude to God, whom I serve from {my} ancestors, with a clean conscience, as I have constant remembrance of you in my prayers night and day,

UST

³ I serve God just as my ancestors did, because I truly want to do what he wants. I thank God when I pray for you. I always mention you in my prayers at all times.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 1:4**ULT**

⁴ longing to see you, remembering your tears, that I may be filled with joy,

UST

⁴ As I remember how you cried {when we separated}, I really want to see you {again}. Then I will rejoice greatly.

When Paul remembers Timothy in his prayers, what does Paul long to do?

Paul longs to see Timothy.

2 Timothy 1:5**ULT**

⁵ having received remembrance of the genuine faith in you which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am convinced that {it is} also in you,

UST

⁵ I also remember how you truly believe {in Jesus}. Your grandmother Lois first believed, and then your mother Eunice believed as well. I know that you also truly believe like they do!

In Timothy's family, who else had genuine faith before Timothy did?

Timothy's grandmother and mother both had genuine faith.

2 Timothy 1:6**ULT**

⁶ for which reason I am reminding you to rekindle the gift of God that is in you through the laying on of my hands.

UST

⁶ Because you strongly believe in Jesus, I remind you to start using again the {spiritual} gift that God gave you. You received this gift {that enables you to do the work that God has chosen you to do} when I put my hands on you {and prayed for you}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 1:7**ULT**

⁷ For God did not give us a spirit of fear but of power and of love and of discipline.

UST

⁷ {Use this gift confidently,} because God did not give us his Spirit to cause us to be afraid. Instead, his Spirit causes us to be powerful {as we work for God}, to love {him and others}, and to control ourselves.

What kind of spirit did God give Timothy?

God gave Timothy a spirit of power and love and discipline.

2 Timothy 1:8**ULT**

⁸ Therefore, do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me, his prisoner, but suffer together for the gospel, according to the power of God

UST

⁸ So do not be ashamed to tell people about our Lord. Do not be ashamed of me, even though I am a prisoner because I preach about him. Instead, be willing to suffer hardship along with me as you {also} tell others about the good news, because God will empower you {to endure these hardships}.

What does Paul tell Timothy not to do?

Paul tells Timothy not to be ashamed of the testimony about the Lord.

What does Paul tell Timothy to do?

Paul tells Timothy to suffer for the gospel together with Paul.

2 Timothy 1:9**ULT**

⁹ who has saved us and called us with a holy calling—not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before eternal times,

UST

⁹ {He will do this because} he saved us and called us to be a people that he sets apart {as his own}. God did not save us because of any good works that we did. Instead, he saved us because it was his plan to be kind to us even though we did not deserve it. He planned this for us before the world began through what Jesus the Messiah would do for us.

When was God's plan and grace given to us?

God's plan and grace was given to us before eternal times.

2 Timothy 1:10**ULT**

¹⁰ and which now has been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus who has both put an end to death and brought to light life and immortality through the gospel,

UST

¹⁰ Now Jesus the Messiah, the one who saves us, has come. As a result, everyone can know {God's gracious plan to save us}. {Specifically}, Jesus has declared the good news that we will not remain dead after we die. Instead, we will live forever in bodies that will not decay!

How did God reveal his plan of salvation?

God's plan of salvation was revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus.

When Jesus appeared, what did he do regarding death, life, and immortality?

Jesus put an end to death, and brought to light life and immortality through the gospel.

2 Timothy 1:11**ULT**

¹¹ for which I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ^[1]

UST

¹¹ God assigned me to go as his representative to people in order to preach and to teach this good news.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 1:12**ULT**

¹² for which reason I also suffer these things. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am certain that he is able to guard my deposit until that day.

UST

¹² This is the reason that I am suffering here {in this prison}, but I am not ashamed {of being here}, because I know the Messiah Jesus and I trust him. I am convinced that he is able to keep me faithful to him until the day {when he returns}.

What is Paul confident that God is able to do for him which makes Paul not ashamed of the gospel?

Paul is persuaded that God is able to keep the deposit that Paul has entrusted to God until that day.

2 Timothy 1:13**ULT**

¹³ Keep the example of the healthy words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that {are} in Christ Jesus.

UST

¹³ Be sure that you tell others the same accurate message that you heard from me. {As you tell it,} keep trusting in the Messiah Jesus and keep loving others as the Messiah Jesus enables you to do so.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 1:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Guard the good deposit through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.

UST

¹⁴ Protect this good message that God has entrusted to you {for his people}. The Holy Spirit who lives in us will help you {to do that}.

What is Timothy to do with the good deposit God has committed to him?

Timothy is to guard through the Holy Spirit the good deposit God has committed to him.

2 Timothy 1:15**ULT**

¹⁵ You know this, that all who {are} in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes.

UST

¹⁵ You know that almost all the believers in {the province of} Asia {Minor} have left me, including Phygelus and Hermogenes.

What did all of Paul's Asian companions do to him?

All those in Asia turned away from Paul.

2 Timothy 1:16**ULT**

¹⁶ May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chain,

UST

¹⁶ {But} I pray that the Lord will be kind to the family of Onesiphorus, because he often helped me, and he was not ashamed that I am in prison.

Why does Paul ask the Lord to grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus?

Paul asks the Lord to grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus because Onesiphorus refreshed Paul and was not ashamed of Paul's chain.

2 Timothy 1:17**ULT**

¹⁷ but when he was in Rome he diligently searched for me and found me.

UST

¹⁷ On the contrary, when he came {here} to Rome, he kept searching for me until he found me.

What did Onesiphorus do for Paul when Paul was in Rome?

Onesiphorus diligently sought Paul in Rome and found him.

2 Timothy 1:18**ULT**

¹⁸ May the Lord grant to him to find mercy from the Lord in that day. And how much he served in Ephesus, you know very well.

1:11 ^[1]

UST

¹⁸ You also remember very well how much he helped {me when I was} in {the city of} Ephesus. {So} I pray that the Lord will be merciful to Onesiphorus on the {final} day {when the Lord will judge everyone}.

What does Paul ask the Lord to grant to Onesiphorus?

Paul asks the Lord to grant mercy to Onesiphorus.

2 Timothy 2

2 Timothy 2:1

ULT

¹ You, therefore, my child, be strengthened in the grace that {is} in Christ Jesus.

UST

¹ So {as for} you, {Timothy,} let the Messiah Jesus strengthen you as he acts kindly towards you. You are like a son to me.

What is able to strengthen Timothy?

The grace that is in Christ Jesus can strengthen Timothy.

2 Timothy 2:2

ULT

² And what you have heard from me along with many witnesses, entrust these things to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

UST

² You have heard my teachings in the presence of many people who can confirm them. {Now you must} carefully teach these things to {some other people. These must be} reliable people who will, in turn, be qualified to teach others.

To whom is Timothy to entrust the message Paul has taught him?

Timothy is to entrust the message to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 2:3

ULT

³ Suffer together as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

UST

³ Join {me} in suffering as we obey Jesus the Messiah, just as a good soldier must suffer {as he obeys his commander}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 2:4**ULT**

⁴ No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in the affairs of life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him.

UST

⁴ {You know that} people who serve as soldiers, in order to please their commander, do not become involved in civilian occupations.

As an illustration for Timothy, Paul says a good soldier does not entangle himself in what?

A good soldier does not entangle himself in the affairs of life.

2 Timothy 2:5**ULT**

⁵ Also, if anyone competes, he is not crowned if he has not competed lawfully.

UST

⁵ Likewise, athletes competing in games cannot win unless they obey the rules.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 2:6**ULT**

⁶ The hardworking farmer ought to be first to receive of the crops.

UST

⁶ The farmer who works hard should receive his share of the crops first.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 2:7**ULT**

⁷ Think about what I am saying, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

UST

⁷ Think about what I have just written, because{, if you do,} the Lord will enable you to understand {it} completely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 2:8**ULT**

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, from the seed of David, according to my gospel,

UST

⁸ {As you suffer hardships,} remember Jesus the Messiah, whom God raised from the dead. He is a descendant of King David. This is the good news that I preach.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 2:9**ULT**

⁹ for which I am suffering unto chains like a criminal. But the word of God is not bound.

UST

⁹ For this {good news} I have suffered many things, which now include that soldiers have imprisoned me as a criminal. But no one can imprison the message from God!

As he writes to Timothy, in what condition is Paul suffering for his preaching the word of God?

Paul is suffering by being chained like a criminal.

What does Paul say is not bound?

The word of God is not bound.

2 Timothy 2:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Because of this, I endure all things for the chosen, so that they also may obtain the salvation that {is} in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

UST

¹⁰ Therefore I willingly endure all that I am suffering for the sake of those whom God has chosen. I do this in order that the Messiah Jesus will save them, too, and that they will be forever with him in his glorious presence.

Why does Paul endure all these things?

Paul endures all things for those chosen by God, that they may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 2:11**ULT**

¹¹ This word {is} trustworthy: "For if we died with him, we will also live with him.

UST

¹¹ You can depend on this message {that we preach}: "When Jesus died for us, it was as though the old, sinful person that we were also died with him. If we have done that, then we will also live with him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 2:12**ULT**

¹² If we endure, we will also reign with him. If we deny him, he also will deny us.

UST

¹² If we accept the suffering {that comes from obeying Jesus in this life}, then we will also rule {over everything} with him {in the next life}. But if we say that we do not know him, he also will say that he does not know us.

What is Christ's promise to those who endure?

Those who endure will reign with Christ.

What is Christ's warning to those who deny him?

Those who deny Christ, Christ will deny.

2 Timothy 2:13**ULT**

¹³ If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he is not able to deny himself."

UST

¹³ If we are unfaithful {to Jesus}, he continues to be faithful {to us}, because he cannot be false to himself."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 2:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Remind them of these things, charging them before God not to battle about words; {it is} useful for nothing, to the destruction of those who hear. ^[1]

UST

¹⁴ Keep reminding {the believers} about these things {that I have told you}. Warn them that God is listening and that they must not fight over {which} words {are correct for expressing God's message}. Arguing like this does not help anything and can cause those who listen to give up on following Jesus.

About what should Timothy warn the people not to quarrel?

Timothy should warn the people not to quarrel about words, which is useful for nothing.

2 Timothy 2:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Strive to present yourself approved to God, a worker not ashamed, cutting the word of truth straight.

UST

¹⁵ Do your best to be a person of whom God approves. Be like a worker who knows that he is doing good work as you correctly teach the true message.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 2:16**ULT**

¹⁶ But avoid profane empty discussions, for they will advance into greater ungodliness,

UST

¹⁶ Stay out of useless conversations that ignore God, because this kind of talk causes people to dishonor God more and more.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 2:17**ULT**

¹⁷ and their word will have a spreading like gangrene, among whom are Hymenaeus and Philetus,

UST

¹⁷ This way of speaking will spread like an infectious disease. Hymenaeus and Philetus are two examples of men who talk like this.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 2:18**ULT**

¹⁸ who have missed the mark regarding the truth, saying the resurrection has already happened, and who are destroying the faith of some.

UST

¹⁸ These men believe and teach things that are not true. They {wrongly} say that God has already raised his people from the dead {and will not do so again}. In this way they convince some {believers} to stop trusting {in the Messiah}.

What false doctrine were the two men who wandered from the truth saying?

They were saying that the resurrection had already happened.

2 Timothy 2:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his" and "Everyone who names the name of the Lord must abstain from unrighteousness."

UST

¹⁹ However, the truth about God still exists. It is like a firm foundation of a building, on which someone has written these words: "The Lord knows those who belong to him" and "Everyone who says he belongs to the Lord must stop doing wicked deeds."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 2:20**ULT**

²⁰ Now in a great house, there are not only gold and silver containers, but also wood and clay, and both some for honor and some for dishonor.

UST

²⁰ In a wealthy person's house there are not only containers made of gold and of silver, but also containers made of wood and of clay. The owner uses the gold and silver containers on great and honorable occasions. But he uses the wood and clay containers to do ordinary and dishonorable things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 2:21**ULT**

²¹ Therefore, if someone has cleansed himself from these, he will be a container for honor, having been sanctified, useful to the Master, having been prepared for every good work.

UST

²¹ Therefore, anyone who gets rid of what is evil in his life will be like a container that someone has cleaned completely so that the owner can use it for any occasion, even the most special ones. In the same way, when a person gets rid of what is evil in his life, God considers him worthy and can use him to do any good task.

How are the believers to prepare themselves for every good work?

The believers are to clean themselves from dishonorable use in order to be ready for every good work.

2 Timothy 2:22**ULT**

²² So flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, {and} peace with those who call on the Lord from a clean heart.

UST

²² So avoid doing the sinful things that young people usually desire. Instead, together with people who worship the Lord sincerely, strive to do things that are right, trust in God and love him and others, and live peacefully with other people.

From what is Timothy to flee?

Timothy is to flee youthful lusts.

2 Timothy 2:23**ULT**

²³ But avoid foolish and ignorant questions, knowing that they give birth to battles.

UST

²³ Do not let anyone begin to debate with you about matters that only uneducated and foolish people talk about. You know that when people talk about such things, they begin to quarrel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 2:24**ULT**

²⁴ But the slave of the Lord must not battle, but be kind toward all, able to teach, patient,

UST

²⁴ But the one who serves the Lord must not quarrel. Instead, he should be kind to all people. He should be able to teach {God's truth well}. He should be patient with people.

What does Paul say that a servant of the Lord must be?

A servant of the Lord must be patient, kind to all, and able to teach.

2 Timothy 2:25**ULT**

²⁵ in meekness educating those who oppose him. God may perhaps give them repentance for the knowledge of the truth,

UST

²⁵ He should gently instruct the people who argue against him. Perhaps God may lead them to repent {of their wrong thinking} and to know the truth.

How must a servant of the Lord treat those who oppose him?

A servant of the Lord must educate in meekness those who oppose him.

2 Timothy 2:26

ULT

²⁶ and they may become sober again from the trap of the devil, having been captured by him for the will of that one.

2:14 ^[1]

UST

²⁶ In that way they may think correctly again. They will realize that the devil has been deceiving them and controlling them so that they will do what he wants.

What has the devil done with unbelievers?

The devil has trapped and captured the unbelievers for his will.

2 Timothy 3

2 Timothy 3:1

ULT

¹ But know this, that in the last days there will be difficult times.

UST

¹ But you need to realize that the final time period {before the Messiah returns} will be very dangerous {for believers}.

What does Paul say will come in the last days?

Paul says difficult times will come in the last days.

2 Timothy 3:2

ULT

² For men will be self-loving, money-loving, boasters, proud, blasphemous, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,

UST

² This is because people will love themselves more than anyone else. They will love money. They will boast about themselves. They will be proud. They will insult others. They will not obey their parents. They will not thank anyone for anything. They will not honor God.

In the last days, what will people love instead of God?

In the last days, people will love themselves and love money instead of God.

2 Timothy 3:3

ULT

³ unloving, irreconcilable, slanderous, unrestrained, violent, not good-loving,

UST

³ They will not love others. They will refuse to be at peace with anyone. They will slander others. They will not control themselves. They will be brutal toward others. They will hate anything that is good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 3:4**ULT**

⁴ betrayers, reckless, puffed up, pleasure-loving rather than God-loving,

UST

⁴ They will betray {the ones they should protect}. They will do dangerous things without thinking. They will be proud. They will do what pleases them instead of loving God.

In the last days, what other thing will people love instead of God?

In the last days, people will love pleasure instead of God.

2 Timothy 3:5**ULT**

⁵ having a form of godliness, but denying its power. And turn away from these.

UST

⁵ They will maintain the {outward} appearance of being religious, but they will refuse to allow God to actually do his powerful work {within them}. Stay away from such people.

What does Paul tell Timothy to do with those who have only a form of godliness?

Paul tells Timothy to turn away from those who have only a form of godliness.

2 Timothy 3:6**ULT**

⁶ For among them are those who are entering into households and captivating foolish women who are loaded with sins, led away by various desires,

UST

⁶ Some of them deceive people into allowing them into their homes, where they begin to control what the foolish women think. These are women who sin continually, and who just do whatever they feel like doing.

What do some of these ungodly men do?

Some of these ungodly men enter households and captivate foolish women who are led away by various desires.

2 Timothy 3:7**ULT**

⁷ always learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

UST

⁷ Even though these women are always wanting to learn new things, they are never able to recognize what is actually true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 3:8**ULT**

⁸ And what way Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these oppose the truth, men {whose} mind is corrupted, unapproved regarding the faith.

UST

⁸ In the same way that Jannes and Jambres{, Pharoah's magicians,} tried to stop {Pharoah from believing what} Moses {was telling him}, so do these men also try to stop {people from believing} the true message {about Jesus}. These men are ruined in how they think. {They are not fit to be teachers because} they only pretend to believe in Jesus.

How are these ungodly men like Jannes and Jambres in the Old Testament?

These ungodly men oppose the truth just as Jannes and Jambres did to Moses.

2 Timothy 3:9**ULT**

⁹ But they will not advance unto more, for their foolishness will be obvious to all, as also that of those became.

UST

⁹ So although they have been able to teach wrong things to some people, they will not continue to succeed, because most others will clearly perceive that these men understand nothing. This will happen to them in the same way that it happened to Jannes and Jambres, when the people realized that they were foolish.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 3:10**ULT**

¹⁰ But you have followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance,

UST

¹⁰ But as for you, you know very well what I teach and that is what you teach. You know and imitate my way of living and how I do everything to serve God. You have trusted God as I have. You have seen that I have peace even when I am suffering. You have seen that I love God and the believers. You have seen that I keep on serving God even when it is very hard to do so.

Instead of the false teachers, who has Timothy followed?

Timothy has followed Paul.

2 Timothy 3:11**ULT**

¹¹ persecutions, sufferings, such as happened to me in Antioch, in Iconium, in Lystra; what kind of persecutions I endured. But the Lord rescued me from them all.

UST

¹¹ You have seen people persecute me. You saw what I suffered when I was in {the cities of} Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. {You saw how} I endured the ways that people persecuted me {in those places}, but the Lord enabled me to survive all of those situations.

From what did the Lord rescue Paul?

The Lord rescued Paul from all his persecutions and sufferings.

2 Timothy 3:12**ULT**

¹² And indeed, all those who want to live piously in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

UST

¹² It is true that people will make all believers suffer who want to live in a way that honors God through their relationship with the Messiah Jesus.

What does Paul say will happen to all those who want to live in a godly manner?

Paul says that all those who want to live in a godly manner will be persecuted.

2 Timothy 3:13**ULT**

¹³ But evil men and impostors will advance unto the worse, leading astray and being led astray.

UST

¹³ Evil people who pretend {to be believers} will continue to become more and more evil. They will cause people to believe things that are not true, as they themselves believe more and more things that are not true.

Who will become worse in the last days?

Evil people and impostors will become worse in the last days.

2 Timothy 3:14**ULT**

¹⁴ You, however, remain in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you learned them,

UST

¹⁴ But you, in contrast, must continue to believe what you have learned and firmly believe. {You can trust that these things are true,} because you know {that} the people who taught you these things {are trustworthy}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 3:15**ULT**

¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through the faith that {is} in Christ Jesus.

UST

¹⁵ {You} also {know that these things are true} because you have known what God says in the Scriptures from the time when you were a child. The Scriptures enable you to understand how God saves us when we trust in the Messiah Jesus.

From what time in Timothy's life had he known the sacred writings?

Timothy knew the sacred writings from childhood.

2 Timothy 3:16

ULT

¹⁶ All Scripture {is} God-breathed and {is} profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, {and} for training in righteousness,

UST

¹⁶ All the Scriptures come from God's Spirit. They are useful for teaching {people the truth about God}. They also help {people} to know when they are wrong and help {them} to understand what is correct, and they are useful for training {people} how to do what is right.

How did all the Scripture come into being?

All Scripture is God-breathed.

For what is all Scripture profitable?

All Scripture is profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness.

2 Timothy 3:17

ULT

¹⁷ so that the man of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

UST

¹⁷ In these ways, the Scriptures enable believers who serve God to be fully prepared and to have everything that they need to do every kind of good deed.

What is the purpose of training a person in the Scriptures?

A person is trained in the Scriptures so that he is proficient, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 4

2 Timothy 4:1

ULT

¹ I adjure you before God and Christ Jesus, the one who is going to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom:

UST

¹ {Timothy,} I am now going to solemnly charge you {to do some things, and} as God and the Messiah Jesus see and hear us{, they will also expect you to do them}. {Remember that} the Messiah Jesus is coming to judge all the people who have ever lived. As strongly as you want to see Jesus and to be a part of his kingdom when he comes again to rule as king, I solemnly charge you

Who is Jesus Christ going to judge?

Jesus Christ will judge the living and the dead.

2 Timothy 4:2

ULT

² Preach the word; be ready opportunely, inopportunely; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all patience and teaching.

UST

² to proclaim the message {about the Messiah}. Be ready to do this when it is easy to do so and also when it is not easy. Correct people when they have done wrong. Warn them {not to sin}. Encourage them to do what is right. {As you do all of these things,} keep teaching them very patiently.

What did Paul solemnly command Timothy to do?

Paul solemnly commanded Timothy to preach the Word.

2 Timothy 4:3**ULT**

³ For there will be a time when they will not endure healthy teaching. Instead, they will heap up for themselves teachers according to their own desires, {their} ear itching,

UST

³ {I tell you these things because} later on people will not want to listen to accurate teaching. Instead, they will collect as many teachers as they can who will tell them that they can do what they want to do. This is what they will be eager to hear.

Paul warned that the time will come when people will do what regarding doctrine?

People will not endure sound teaching, but will listen to teachings that agree with their own desires.

2 Timothy 4:4**ULT**

⁴ and will both turn {their} ear away from the truth and be turned aside to myths.

UST

⁴ So not only will they stop listening to what is true, but instead they will let these teachers deceive them with foolish stories.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 4:5**ULT**

⁵ But you, be sober in all things. Suffer hardship. Do the work of an evangelist. Carry out fully your service.

UST

⁵ But as for you, Timothy, control yourself no matter what happens. {Be willing to} endure difficult things. Do the work of preaching the good news. Complete the work you must do to serve the Lord.

What work and ministry had Timothy been given to do?

Timothy had been given the work and ministry of an evangelist.

2 Timothy 4:6**ULT**

⁶ For I am already being poured out, and the time of my departure is here.

UST

⁶ {I tell you these things} because my life is like a drink offering to God that the priest is almost done pouring out. The time of my death is near.

What time in his life did Paul say had now come?

Paul said that his time of departure had come.

2 Timothy 4:7**ULT**

⁷ I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.

UST

⁷ I am like an athlete who has done his best in a contest. I am like a runner who has finished his race. {By these comparisons, I mean that} I have always continued to obey God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 4:8**ULT**

⁸ Now the crown of righteousness has been reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not to me only, but also to all those who have loved his appearing.

UST

⁸ So{, just like a runner who has won his race,} what remains for me now is {to receive} the prize for having lived in a way that pleased God. The Lord, who judges rightly, has kept this prize for me and he will give it to me when he comes again. He will not only give it to me, but also to everyone who waits eagerly for him to come again.

What reward did Paul say all those who love Christ's appearing will receive?

Paul said that all those who love Christ's appearing will receive the crown of righteousness.

2 Timothy 4:9**ULT**

⁹ Hasten to come to me quickly,

UST

⁹ {Timothy,} try to come to me soon

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 4:10**ULT**

¹⁰ for Demas has deserted me, having loved the present age, and has gone to Thessalonica, Crescens to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

UST

¹⁰ because Demas has abandoned me and has gone to {the city of} Thessalonica. He loves life in this world {too much}. Crescens {has gone} to {the province of} Galatia, and Titus {has gone} to {the district of} Dalmatia.

Why did Paul's companion Demas leave him?

Demas left Paul because he loved this present age.

2 Timothy 4:11**ULT**

¹¹ Only Luke is with me. Getting Mark, bring him with you, because he is useful to me for service.

UST

¹¹ Only Luke is still with me. Get Mark and bring him with you. {Do this} because he can help me with the things that I need.

Who was the only companion of Paul to still be with him?

Only Luke was still with Paul.

2 Timothy 4:12**ULT**

¹² But I sent Tychicus to Ephesus.

UST

¹² As for Tychicus, I have sent {him} to {the city of} Ephesus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 4:13**ULT**

¹³ The cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus, bring when you come, and the books, especially the parchments.

UST

¹³ When you come, bring the outer garment that I left with Carpus at {the city of} Troas. Also bring the scrolls, especially the leather ones.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 4:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Alexander the coppersmith did much harm to me. The Lord will repay him according to his deeds,

UST

¹⁴ Alexander the metalworker did many evil things to me. The Lord will punish him for what he has done.

According to what did Paul said that the Lord would repay Alexander?

Paul said that the Lord will repay Alexander according to his deeds.

2 Timothy 4:15**ULT**

¹⁵ whom you also, guard yourself against, because he greatly opposed our words.

UST

¹⁵ You also should be on guard against him because he did everything possible to stop us from preaching.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 4:16**ULT**

¹⁶ At my first defense, no one appeared with me, but everyone deserted me. May it not be counted against them.

UST

¹⁶ The first time I defended myself {in court}, no believers came to support me. They all stayed away. May God not hold them responsible for that.

Which people appeared with Paul at his first defense?

At Paul's first defense, no one appeared with Paul.

2 Timothy 4:17**ULT**

¹⁷ But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that through me the proclamation might be fully carried out and all the Gentiles might hear. And I was rescued out of the mouth of the lion.

UST

¹⁷ But the Lord was with me. He made me strong, so that I could fully speak his word and so that all the Gentiles could hear it. God saved me from a very dangerous situation as if he had rescued me from a lion's mouth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 4:18**ULT**

¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and will save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him {be} the glory to eternity forever. Amen.

UST

¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil thing that they do. He will bring me safely to where he rules in heaven. May people praise him forever and ever. Amen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 4:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Greet Priscilla and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.

UST

¹⁹ Greet Priscilla and Aquila. Greet the people in the home of Onesiphorus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 4:20**ULT**

²⁰ Erastus remained at Corinth, and Trophimus I left sick at Miletus.

UST

²⁰ Erastus stayed in {the city of} Corinth. As for Trophimus, I left him in {the city of} Miletus because he was sick.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 4:21**ULT**

²¹ Hasten to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, and Pudens and Linus and Claudia and the brothers.

UST

²¹ Try your best to come before winter. Eubulus, Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and {many of} the {other} believers {here} greet you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

2 Timothy 4:22**ULT**

²² The Lord {be} with your spirit. Grace {be} with you.

UST

²² May the Lord be with your spirit{, Timothy}. May he be kind to all of you {believers who are there}.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

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