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2 Timothy

Chapter 1

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, according to the promise of life that {is} in Christ Jesus, ²to Timothy, {my} beloved child: Grace, mercy, {and} peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I 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, ⁴longing to see you, remembering your tears, that I may be filled with joy, ⁵having 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, ⁶for which reason I am reminding you to rekindle the gift of God that is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷For God did not give us a spirit of fear but of power and of love and of discipline. ⁸Therefore, 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 ⁹who 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, ¹⁰and 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, ¹¹for which I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher,^[1] ¹²for 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.

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

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

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

¹⁶May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chain, ¹⁷but when he was in Rome he diligently searched for me and found me. ¹⁸May 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]

Chapter 2

¹You, therefore, my child, be strengthened in the grace that {is} in Christ Jesus. ²And what you have heard from me along with many witnesses, entrust these things to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³Suffer together as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. ⁴No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in the affairs of life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him. ⁵Also, if anyone competes, he is not crowned if he has not competed lawfully. ⁶The hardworking farmer ought to be first to receive of the crops. ⁷Think about what I am saying, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. ⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, from the seed of David, according to my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering unto chains like a criminal. But the word of God is not bound. ¹⁰Because 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. ¹¹This word {is} trustworthy:

“For if we died with him, we will also live with him.

¹²If we endure, we will also reign with him.

If we deny him, he also will deny us.

¹³If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful,

for he is not able to deny himself.”

¹⁴Remind 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] ¹⁵Strive to present yourself approved to God, a worker not ashamed, cutting the word of truth straight. ¹⁶But avoid profane empty discussions, for they will advance into greater ungodliness, ¹⁷and their word will have a spreading like gangrene, among whom are Hymenaeus and Philetus, ¹⁸who have missed the mark regarding the truth, saying the resurrection has already happened, and who are destroying the faith of some. ¹⁹Nevertheless, 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.” ²⁰Now 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. ²¹Therefore, 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. ²²So flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, {and} peace with those who call on the Lord from a clean heart. ²³But avoid foolish and ignorant questions, knowing that they give birth to battles. ²⁴But the slave of the Lord must not battle, but be kind toward all, able to teach, patient, ²⁵in meekness educating those who oppose him. God may perhaps give them repentance for the knowledge of the truth, ²⁶and 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]

Chapter 3

¹But know this, that in the last days there will be difficult times. ²For men will be self-loving, money-loving, boasters, proud, blasphemous, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³unloving, irreconcilable, slanderous, unrestrained, violent, not good-loving, ⁴betrayers, reckless, puffed up, pleasure-loving rather than God-loving, ⁵having a form of godliness, but denying its power. And turn away from these. ⁶For among them are those who are entering into households and captivating foolish women who are loaded with sins, led away by various desires, ⁷always learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁸And what way Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these oppose the truth, men {whose} mind is corrupted, unapproved regarding the faith. ⁹But they will not advance unto more, for their foolishness will be obvious to all, as also that of those became. ¹⁰But you have followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, ¹¹persecutions, 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. ¹²And indeed, all those who want to live piously in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. ¹³But evil men and impostors will advance unto the worse, leading astray and being led astray. ¹⁴You, however, remain in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you learned them, ¹⁵and 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. ¹⁶All Scripture {is} God-breathed and {is} profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, {and} for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the man of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Chapter 4

¹I 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: ²Preach the word; be ready opportunely, inopportunely; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all patience and teaching. ³For 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, ⁴and will both turn {their} ear away from the truth and be turned aside to myths. ⁵But you, be sober in all things. Suffer hardship. Do the work of an evangelist. Carry out fully your service. ⁶For I am already being poured out, and the time of my departure is here. ⁷I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ⁸Now 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.

⁹Hasten to come to me quickly, ¹⁰for Demas has deserted me, having loved the present age, and has gone to Thessalonica, Crescens to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Getting Mark, bring him with you, because he is useful to me for service. ¹²But I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³The cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus, bring when you come, and the books, especially the parchments. ¹⁴Alexander the coppersmith did much harm to me. The Lord will repay him according to his deeds, ¹⁵whom you also, guard yourself against, because he greatly opposed our words. ¹⁶At my first defense, no one appeared with me, but everyone deserted me. May it not be counted against them. ¹⁷But 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. ¹⁸The 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.

¹⁹Greet Priscilla and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. ²⁰Erastus remained at Corinth, and Trophimus I left sick at Miletus. ²¹Hasten to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, and Pudens and Linus and Claudia and the brothers.

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

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