

2Timothy Chapter 4 verse 1 thru 11

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Chapter 4 In this chapter the apostle Paul continues to encourage Timothy concerning his ministry. Paul provides guidance for the professional and personal conduct in the ministry. Paul makes a personal request of Timothy. Paul shares his assurance of his salvation and rewards. He also acknowledges the completion of his earthy ministry.

Verses 1-2 – In these verses Paul commands Timothy in the presence of God and His Son Jesus Christ, who at His second coming and before His kingdom will judge both the living and the dead to preach the word (Truth). The preached word should be proclaimed at all time both when it is welcome and when it is not welcome. The word will reprove (correct), rebuke (reprimand), and exhort (encourage) with forgiveness and with sound doctrine.

Verses 3-4 – Paul continues from verse one by stating that the time will come when people will not listen to or receive the truth; but will be led by their own lust to follow after teachers who will tell them what they want to hear. These same people shall deny and reject the truth and shall believe a lie.

Verse 5 – Paul warns Timothy again to stay alert and to be watchful in all things, and to remain steadfast during periods of afflictions, to continue to preach the gospel (Good News) of Jesus Christ. And to provide sound doctrine evident of every area of his ministry.

Verse 6 – In this verse Paul is beginning to bring this letter to a close and he provides what most theologians consider as his last testament concerning his earthy ministry. Paul states that he is at a place in his life where he is ready to offer (give) his life as a sacrifice for the furtherance of the gospel. Paul believes the time of his earthy departure is imminent.

- Philippians 2:17

Verse 7 – As a continuation of his last testament, Paul tells Timothy and all who will read this letter that he has done his best to fulfill and complete the ministry assigned to him by God, and that he never lost his faith.

- 1Corinthians 9:24-27

Verse 8 – Paul states that henceforth or in the future there is already prepared for him a crown of righteousness (which means being transformed to the state of being righteous), that the Lord the righteous judge shall give him, and not just to him alone, but also to all those people that love God and His Second coming.

- 1Corinthians 9:25

Verse 9 – Paul makes a personal request of Timothy to do his best to come visit him as soon as possible.

Verse 10 – Demas who was with Paul abandon him and went to Thessalonica because he love things of this world more. And two other disciples Crescens left for Galatia and Titus went to Dalmatia.

Verse 11 – Paul tells Timothy that the only one that is with him now is Luke, Paul instructs Timothy to get Mark and bring him with him when he comes to visit, because he is helpful to him in his ministry. *This verse gives confirmation that the tension between Paul and Mark had been reconciled and they shared in the work of the ministry of the gospel.*

- Acts 15:36-40