

2Timothy Chapter 4 verse 12 thru 22

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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 12 – In this verse Paul is giving Timothy additional information for the reason he is asking him to come visit him as quickly as possible. In addition to Demas turning his back on him and going back into the world, both Crescens and Titus have gone back to their prospective churches. Paul further states that he has also sent Tychicus back to Ephesus, only Luke remains with him.

Verse 13 – It appears that when Paul was arrested he did not have an opportunity to gather his personal belongings or they would not allow him to have them at that time. However, he is asking Timothy to bring his coat, that he left at Troas with Carpus. Paul is also requesting Timothy to bring the books which may refer to the old testament writings, and the Parchments which is paper and may refer to new testament writings and/or additional paper for him to write on.

Verse 14 – Paul tells Timothy that Alexander who was a coppersmith (metal worker) committed evil toward him. However, Paul states that the Lord will deal with him. This verse lets Timothy as well as all of us know that it is the Lord's job to avenge evil not ours.

- Acts 19:33-35

Verse 15 – As a follow on to the prior verse Paul is warning Timothy as the Minister in charge at Ephesus to be aware of Alexander because he has stood against the gospel.

Verse 16 – Paul tells Timothy that there were times in his ministry, period of incarceration and pending execution that no one stood with him, all deserted him. Paul tells Timothy that he prays that God will have mercy on them because of their actions.

Verse 17 – As a follow on to the prior verse Paul states that despite the actions of those that deserted him, however the Lord did not desert him but stood with him, and gave him strength, so that the proclamation of the gospel might go forth to all the gentiles, and the Lord protected him from satan.

Verse 18 – Paul declares that the Lord will deliver him from all evil and will keep him safe until the Kingdom of God comes, to whom all glory is due for ever and ever.

Verse 19 – In this verse Paul begins his final greetings by asking Timothy to give his greetings to Prisca and Aquila as well as the household of Anesiphorus.

Verse 20 – Paul continues his final greeting by asking Timothy to greet Erastus who is in Corinth, and Trophimus whom he left at Miletus sick.

Verse 21 – Paul may have written this second letter to Timothy in the fall; thus he is encouraging Timothy to visit him before winter. Paul also passes on to Timothy greeting to him from Ebulus, Pudens, Linus, Claudia and all the brethren, these must have been believers who received the gospel from Paul earlier from his preaching and teaching in Rome. Little is known about these individuals in the bible except Linus who is believed to have become the first bishop of Rome after the death of Peter and Paul however, this has not been confirmed in the bible.

Verse 22 – Paul closes his second and final letter to his spiritual son Timothy by conveying the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ to be with him, and the grace of God to be with him as well.