

2 Timothy 1.

Read the chapter. It's very difficult to put on paper what I feel about Paul with regard to his imprisonment and his compassion he has for a young pastor, Timothy, who Paul knows is going through the same persecutions and sufferings that Paul had to endure when he first went on the Mission field. I know many think that it is clear sailing when you are on the mission field but actually, the devil sends his hordes of demons to plague you through the world and so most of the time you are interceding on behalf of all those that God sends you and give you as your inheritance (see **Psalm 2**). You do not pick them, you sometimes can't stand them, but you discern in the Holy Spirit that it is they that you are to nurture and pray for. How many tears and how much compassion can you muster? None! Because it is the Life of Jesus in you with tears and compassion. He saves, He heals, He delivers but He needs you to work through. His Plan, His Purpose, His Destiny and His Harvest! Thank you Paul and Timothy and Onesiphorus.

Paul, full of the Holy Spirit is writing to Timothy to tell him that Paul is praying for him with **tears**, interceding for Timothy's ministry as his son. Timothy's grandmother, Lois and his mother Eunice also had a great part in Timothy's ministry and call of God. Paul wants Timothy to stir up his gifts which Paul imparted on him when Paul was with him. Well, how do you do that? All Timothy has to do is **pray in tongues** for a time or times, which will edify. *For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power and of love, and of a sound mind.* Again, Paul talks about suffering, *by being a partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God: who has saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.* Paul tells him that Jesus has abolished death (no wonder Paul says that not to have a spirit of fear) and that Jesus *has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:...* Paul is appointed as a preacher, an apostle and a teacher to the Gentiles.

The gifts of the Holy Ghost are in us and therefore His gifts are IN US: **the Kingdom of God.**

Paul commends Onesiphorus for all the care in ministry he gave to Paul, which Timothy knows about at Ephesus.

2 Timothy 2.

Read the chapter. *Be strong in the GRACE*, the unmerited favour, *that is in Christ Jesus.* We have a New Heart and a New Mind (**Isaiah**), the Ten Commandments written on our New Heart that makes it impossible to partake in the sins of this world. But the hardships, persecutions, are to be endured as a good soldier of Jesus.

Sometimes when I write my commentaries, I am amazed that I keep going back to sufferings and persecutions hand in hand with death to self as Paul, in prison, was bound but in Spirit he is totally free. We suffer different things but spiritually we are as free as a bird. *Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory...For if we be dead with Him, we shall also live with Him: if we suffer, we shall also reign with Him: if we deny Him, He also will deny us: If we believe not, yet He abides faithful: He cannot deny Himself.*

Paul had problems with two men, Phygellus and Hermogenes which he mentioned three times. They came around telling Paul and Timothy's fellowship *But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their word will eat as does a canker:...* *Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already, and over-throw the faith of some...The Lord knows them that are His.*

Of course in the House of the Kingdom of God there are vessels of honour and some to dishonour. But the servant of the Lord must not stive: but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves: if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth: And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

As long as sin is rampant in you, the devil rules. But you have total authority over him according to the Cross of Jesus, where satan was paralyzed by Jesus. All you have to do is speak the Word and repent of your sins, the Advocate, Jesus, is there to help you and forgive you and help you to be honourable and teachable.

2 Timothy 3.

Read the chapter. We are now living in perilous times: the LAST DAYS.

1. Men are lovers of their own selves: idolatrous of themselves
2. Covetous : wanting, wanting, wanting
3. Boasters: talking with excessive pride and self-satisfaction about one's achievements, possessions, or abilities.
4. Proud: feeling deep pleasure or satisfaction as a result of ones own achievements, qualities, or possessions or those of someone with whom one is closely associated.
5. Blasphemers: speaking irreverently about God
6. Disobedient to parents: refusing to obey rules or the authority like parents
7. Unthankful: Not feeling gratitude
8. Unholy: denoting an alliance with the devil for harmful implications
9. Without natural affection: No gentle feelings of fondness or liking.
10. Truce-breakers: Agreements between enemies or opponents broken without regard..
11. False accusers: Falsely charging someone with an offense or crime.
12. Incontinent: No control or self-restraint
13. Fierce: having or displaying an intense or ferocious aggressiveness
14. Despisers of those that are good: Feel contempt or a deep repugnance for, especially the world against Jesus.
15. Traitors: a betrayer of a friend, country, principle.
16. Heady: Intoxicating, strong and exhilarating effect
17. High-minded: Only self notions of what good person wants to be
18. Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God: TV, sports, fishing, no church.
19. Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof saying we do not want the Holy Spirit. From such, turn away.
20. Lust: men and women, totally engrossed in themselves, perverse, self-gratifying
21. Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth
22. Resisters of truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

We live in perilous times: Paul, even then, knew, because Jesus told him, that it will get worse and worse because all that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution and perhaps that's why so many will fall away because of the theology of the goody/feely religion perpetrated in churches now. They say if you have Jesus nothing shall hurt you. Yeah Right!

But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

17. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. 16. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in

righteousness.

The Scriptures are for you and me.

2 Timothy 4.

Judgment belongs to Jesus who shall judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His Kingdom.

To Pastors, Evangelists, Teachers, Apostles and Prophets: **PREACH THE WORD.** Don't preach about today's weather, today's psychological news, today's fashion for itching ears.

PREACH THE WORD, from the Bible: *be instand in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.*

For I am now ready to be offered, and time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only but unto all them also that love HIS APPEARING. Come Quickly Lord Jesus.

I think Jesus visited dear Paul at least four or five time. Here again in verse **17** *Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion (that is the devil). And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto His heavenly Kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen*

Paul salutes many of his brethren and sisters, rebukes one, and asks for visits.