

II TIMOTHY

Faithfulness to the Word of God

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Paul

- Writing his final epistle from a prison in Rome

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THEME

“BOOK OF FINAL INSTRUCTIONS”

This epistle is filled with tones of urgency, tenderness, and triumph.

There are five main instructions:

1. Do not fear afflictions (Ch. 1)
2. Commit the faith to others (Ch. 2)
3. Continue in perilous times (Ch. 3)
4. Preach the Word (Ch. 4:1-5)
5. Come to me shortly (Ch. 4:6-11)

OUTLINE

- I. Timothy and Present Testings (Ch. 1-2)
 - a. “Be strong” (2:1)
- II. Timothy and Future Troubles (Ch. 3-4)
 - a. “Watch thou in all things” (4:5)

KEY WORDS

- Endure (4 times)
- Suffer (4 times)
- Charge (2 times)

- Word (Scriptures) (4 times)

KEY VERSE

II Timothy 3:16-17

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.”

SPECIAL FEATURES

1. Metaphors for the Minister (2:3-6)
 - a. Soldier – discipline and obedience
 - b. Athlete – sacrifice and knowledge of rules
 - c. Farmer – faith, work, and patience
2. Ministry of the Minister (2:2)
 - a. Paul → Timothy → Faithful Men → Others
3. Message of the Minister (4:2)
 - a. The Scriptures are all-sufficient. (3:16-17)

CHRIST IN THE BOOK

The Righteous Judge (4:8)

*Though Paul would soon be judged by wicked Nero, he knew that Christ was his righteous Judge. (See *World's Handbook*, p. 665)