

2 Timothy 4

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4 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; (Spiritually alive & spiritually dead; those who have an immortal soul and those whose soul might still die, unless they get right with God during the Millennium)

²Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. (Preach the Word of God, not traditions of men) (long suffering = patiently)

³For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; (They will teaching false doctrines; telling people what they want to hear; con men driven by ego and money)

⁴And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. (Children are taught that Eve ate an apple. They are taught to celebrate Easter, not Passover. They are taught that they will be raptured out; complete opposite of what Revelation teaches)

⁵But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. (The world hates true teachers of Christianity. Do it anyway and do it right. It doesn't matter what the world thinks. Prove what you teach by the Word of God)

⁶For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. (Paul knows he will die soon)

⁷I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: (Despite being beat up, threatened, robbed, imprisoned, etc)

⁸Henceforth 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. (This is the reward to all who remain faithful to God)

⁹Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me:

¹⁰For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

¹¹Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry. (This is Luke and Mark, who wrote Gospels. Luke also acted as scribe to Paul, because of Paul's poor eyesight)

¹²And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus.

¹³The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments. (The parchments – Paul's notes)

¹⁴Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works: (Kenites were dealers in metals and other commodities as well as money changers and financiers. They still are, today. This guy may well be a Kenite, trying to stop Paul from spreading the Word of God. He falsely testified against Paul at his trial in Rome before Nero)

¹⁵Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words. (He's a smooth talker; watch out for him so he doesn't falsely accuse you as well)

¹⁶At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge. (This was at Paul's first trial before Nero. He was tried twice – for teaching the Word of God)

¹⁷Notwithstanding 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. (Nero was killing Christians left and right. Paul was able to escape the death penalty, but died in prison)

¹⁸And 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. (God will reward Paul for his good works. Paul knows that)

¹⁹ Salute Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.

(Students of Paul who became teachers)

²⁰ Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick.

²¹ Do thy diligence to come before winter. Eubulus greeteth thee, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brethren.

²² The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.