

## Second Timothy

Lesson 4  
December 12, 2024

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### The Authority of God's Word



- II Tim 3:15-17 “...**All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable** for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness...”
- II Peter 1:20-21 “But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for **no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.**”

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### The Importance of God's Word



- Rom 10:17 “So **faith comes from hearing**, and hearing by **the Word** of Christ.”
- Preach = *kerusso*: to proclaim or herald. A herald must carry the message he is given by his King.

“True preaching is the explanation and application of Bible doctrine. Anything else is just religious speechmaking.” Wiersbe

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### 3 aspects of preaching:



Reprove = convict of sin by the searching light and power of the Scriptures.

Rebuke = to censure, to charge and prove guilty even in opposition.

Exhort = to comfort and encourage

He is to do this “with great patience and instruction.”

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Hebrews 4:12 “For the Word of God is *living and powerful* and sharper than any two-edged sword, *piercing* as far as the division of *soul and spirit*, of both joints and marrow, and *able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*”

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#### Downward path of the apostate, 4:3-4:



- “wanting to have their ears tickled” = to make them feel better about themselves and their choices, things that entertain, or things that will puff them up intellectually.
- “in accordance to their own desires” = not sound doctrine, but what they want to hear, things fit with their lifestyle; and will chase after teachers that suit them.

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- “in accordance to their own desires”
- “will turn away...from the truth” = active voice; a deliberate choice to reject the truth.
- “and will turn aside to myths” = in passive voice; lit: “...and be turned aside to myths;” once they turn away from truth, they will become susceptible to all false teaching.

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#### Paul gives Timothy 3 Commands:

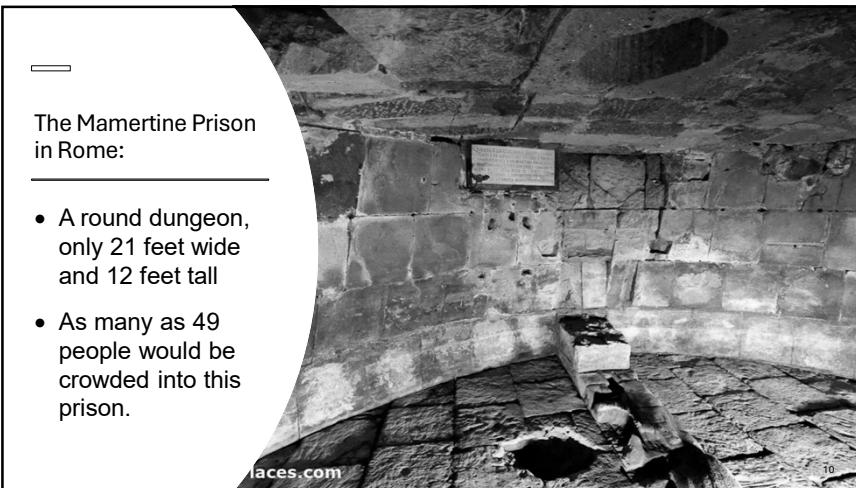


- “be sober” = watchful, alert; indicates the seriousness of his mission
- “endure hardship” = it won’t be easy; 2:10-11 = follow my [Paul’s] example: “perseverance...persecutions I endured”
- “fulfill your ministry” = complete what God had called him to do.

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The Mamertine Prison in Rome:

- A round dungeon, only 21 feet wide and 12 feet tall
- As many as 49 people would be crowded into this prison.

II Timothy 4:6 "...I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and *the time of my departure has come.*"

• The drink offering = wine & oil were poured out to accompany free-will offerings to the Lord. (*Numbers chs 15,28*)

Phil 2:17 "Even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, *I rejoice.*"

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4:7 Paul had "fought the good fight ...finished the course...kept THE faith"



- I Tim 6:20 "guard what has been entrusted to you"
- II Tim 1:14 "Guard...the treasure which has been entrusted to you."

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Paul's confidence: "there IS laid up for me..."



I John 5:13 "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may KNOW that you have eternal life."

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Paul's disappointment:



"Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me..."

- Philemon 1:24 Demas was one of Paul's fellow-workers.
- He loved (AGAPAO) this present age.
- AGAPAO = volitional love; a love of purpose and choice

*Demas made a choice to love the present world.*

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"Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves (AGAPAO) the world, the love of the Father is not in him." I John 2:15

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"Mark...useful to me for service" 4:11



- John Mark was the cousin of Barnabas
- 1<sup>st</sup> missionary journey: Paul, Barnabas, and Mark (later deserted the team, Acts 13:2-13)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> missionary journey: Paul & Silas; Barnabas wanted Mark to join; Paul refused, and the teams separated. Acts 15:36-40
- Mark = restored: Philemon 24 = listed as a fellow-worker; II Tim 4:11 = Paul considers him useful in service.
- Peter also found him useful and mentions him (I Pet 5:13).
- Wrote the Gospel of Mark

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Paul's requests:



- Cloak = practical, needed for warmth
- Books = papyrus scrolls, commonly used for letters; may have been copies of Paul's own notes/letters
- Especially the parchments = vellum: sheep skin; more valuable and important to Paul; possibly OT Scriptures; and/or early Gospels (Matthew & Luke)

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**Paul's attitude:**

- “the Lord stood with me and strengthened me”  
= he recognized that he wasn’t alone, Heb 13:5b.
- “so that through me the proclamation might be fully accomplished” = he saw his imprisonment as an opportunity to spread the gospel.
- “that all the Gentiles might hear” = He remembered his call.  
“...he [Paul] is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name’s sake.”  
Acts 9:15-16



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**Lessons from II Timothy 4:**

1. What are you listening to? The Word of God, or fluff? (4:1-3)
2. Learn to stand alone. If you want to live to please God, don’t expect to be where most professing believers are. Rarely in the Bible is the majority right.
3. Keep your eyes on the Finish line. Set your affection on things above. Grow deep in your knowledge of God.
4. 2 Tim 4 also leaves us with a searching question: Are you as comfortable as Paul with the thought of your death? Do you know where you will be when you die?

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I John 5:11-13 “...God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that *you may know that you have eternal life.*”



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❖ Beginning January 23, 2025  
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