

**Women in the Word**  
**2 Timothy 4:1-22**

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1. After studying 1 and 2 Timothy, it is clear to see that Paul was passionate about guarding and spreading the gospel. What has been your passion over the last few years?

How has God used your passion to draw you closer to Him?

2. Read 2 Timothy 4:1-5. What words in verse 1 lead you to believe that Paul's charge to Timothy was extremely important?

According to verse 2, what was Paul's charge to Timothy?

3. When Paul urged Timothy to "*be ready in season and out of season,*" he was telling Timothy to be alert to any opportunity to share the gospel. Read the following portions of Scripture and record the different opportunities Paul had to share the gospel with others.

Acts 16:24-25

Acts 17:16-17

Acts 22:30-23:1

Acts 27:18-26

Throughout the course of your day, where might you have the opportunity to share the gospel?

What are some ways you can be prepared to share the gospel?

4. In one sentence, describe the desires of the people Paul mentions in 2 Timothy 4:3-4.

With this in mind, what instruction does Paul give Timothy in verse 5?

5. Continue reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8. What phrases does Paul use in verse 6 to refer to his impending death?

Explain what Paul means by “*I am already being poured out as a drink offering.*” Refer to Numbers 15:7 and Romans 12:1 for insight.

6. In 2 Timothy 4:7, in order to encourage Timothy and all Christians, Paul gives three statements as a short review of his life. With these in mind, record your own three statements that summarize your spiritual goals and hopes.

Knowing that Paul suffered a great deal as he served God, how does this review of his life encourage you as you serve God?

7. Read 2 Timothy 4:9-18. According to verses 9-14, why is Paul anxious to have Timothy by his side?

Demas is only mentioned three times in the entire Bible. In addition to 2 Timothy 4:10, read Colossians 4:14 and Philemon 1:23. What conclusions about Demas can we draw from these three verses?

The story of Demas is a clear warning to all Christians. Our lives must be lived faithfully each day as we fight against abandoning the gospel for the things of the world. What do the following two portions of Scripture say about loving the world more than God?

James 4:4

1 John 2:15-17

8. The Mark that Paul mentions in 2 Timothy 4:11 is the same person who traveled with Paul and Barnabas on Paul's first missionary journey. Later on, Paul and Barnabas had a disagreement and Paul refused to take Mark on his second missionary journey. Read Acts 15:36-40. In 2 Timothy 4, what does verse 11 tell us about Mark? What does it tell us about Paul?

9. Throughout verses 10-18, Paul mentions several different people who either deserted him during his time of need or persecuted him because of his message. But in verse 17, how did the Lord specifically bless Paul and what was the result?

10. Look again at verse 18. What was Paul's focus as he faced abandonment and persecution?

Share a situation in your life when you were able to focus on God's goodness instead of the dire circumstances surrounding you.

11. Read verses 19-22. Paul closes his letter to Timothy by sending greetings and remembering mutual friends. What does this tell us about Paul's heart?

12. After studying 2 Timothy, what in Paul's last letter stands out to you?

How will this affect your Christian walk?

13. Do you have a personal prayer request to share with your small group?

## LAST WORDS

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### Paul's last words to Timothy encouraged him to:

#### Share the Gospel of Christ

vs. 1-5

- \*One day all people will face God and will be judged.
- \*Be prepared and use every opportunity to share the gospel.
- \*Use the Bible to correct wrongs, rebuke sin, and encourage \_\_\_\_\_.
- \*Don't tell others what they want to hear, instead tell them the truth found in God's Word.
- \*Godliness, \_\_\_\_\_, and faithfulness should be the hallmark of our Christian walk.

*Our last words as well as our present words, should encourage other believers to remain faithful to the Gospel of Christ.*

#### Follow Paul's Example

vs. 6-8

- \*Offer your \_\_\_\_\_ in service to Jesus Christ as your act of worship.
- \*Be focused and disciplined as you fight the good fight of faith.
- \*Remain true to the gospel as you serve Christ.
- \*Be a guardian of the Gospel.
- \*Set your hope on spending eternity with Christ.

*In Christ, our last words will be an accurate reflection of our past actions.*

#### Acknowledge the Blessings of God

vs. 9-21

- \*Recognize God's blessings in all your \_\_\_\_\_.
- \*Recognize God's sovereignty in both the good and bad times.
- \*Focus on the goodness and the sufficiency of God.
- \*Recognize God's \_\_\_\_\_.

*Our last words should encourage others to recognize God's blessings.*

#### Live a Gospel-Centered Life

vs. 22

- \*Be strengthened by the Lord as you protect and share the gospel.
- \*Let God's \_\_\_\_\_ be the trademark of your life.

*Our last words should encourage others as we testify to God's amazing grace.*

*#KeepingItReal* Paul's Letters to Timothy  
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**2 CORINTHIANS 5:10** For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

**1 CORINTHIANS 3:13-15** Each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through the fire.

**ISAIAH 30:9-11** For they are a rebellious people, lying children, children unwilling to hear the instruction of the Lord; who say to the seers, "Do not see," and to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us what is right; speak to us smooth things, prophesy illusions, leave the way, turn aside from the path, let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel".

**EPHESIANS 2:10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

**1 JOHN 2:24-25** Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise that he made to us-eternal life.

**1 JOHN 2:4-6** Whoever says, "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

**1 CORINTHIANS 10:12** Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

**1 CORINTHIANS 10:13-14** No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.