

THE PASTORAL EPISTLES
I & II Timothy, Titus and Philemon
“God Speaks to His Church”

OVERVIEW OF II TIMOTHY

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Paul, the apostle (1:1)

RECIPIENT:

Paul writes to his close missionary associate, Timothy (1:2)

DATE & PLACE:

The letter was written in A. D. 66 or 67 in a Roman prison. This was Paul’s second Roman imprisonment just before his execution.

PURPOSE:

Paul writes a word of encouragement and warning as he says a genuine and warm “good-bye” to perhaps his closest friend. He also writes to encourage Timothy to “come before winter.”

KEY VERSES: II Timothy 4:7-8

⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; ⁸in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Thanksgiving and Challenge

II Timothy 1:1-7

A. CONTEXT

B. TEXT

1. Greeting

vs. 1-2

2. Paul’s concern for Timothy

vs. 3-4

3. Paul’s challenge to Timothy

vs. 5-7

a. Challenge to maintain a sincere faith (the danger of losing your faith)

b. Challenge to use the gift(s) of God (the danger of a cold heart)

“Stir up” “Fan into flame” “Kindle afresh”

“Keep that ablaze” “Don’t become cold”

“because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold”
Matthew 24:12

c. **Challenge to be bold in his faith (the danger of living by fear)**

He has the power of Christ

He has the love of Christ

He has the discipline of Christ

You can live the Christian life because of Christ in you

Philippians 4:13; II Corinthians 12:9; II Peter 1:3

C. APPLICATION