
2 Tim. 4:13 *When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.*

¹⁴ *Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done.*

¹⁵ *You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message.*

¹⁶ *At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them.*

¹⁷ *But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth.*

¹⁸ *The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

Not grace to **bar** what is not bliss,

Nor **flight** from all **distress**, but this:

The grace that orders our trouble and pain,

And then, **in the darkness**, is there to **sustain**.

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The Life and Ministry of Paul—part 11

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Living on the far side of suffering

Acts 28:14 ...and so we came to Rome.

Acts 28:30 For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him.

*Acts 28:31 Boldly and without hindrance he **preached** the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Philippians 1:12 Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to **advance the gospel**.*

¹³ *As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴ **Because of my chains**, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to **speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly**.*

Contentment

Philippians 2:3 Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves.

⁴ *Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

Philippians 2:5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:14 Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵ that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

*Philippians 3:13 Brethren, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,
¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

2 Timothy 2

*2 Timothy 2:2 ... and what you have heard from me before many witnesses **entrust** to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.*

*2 Tim. 2:3 Share in suffering as a good **soldier** of Christ Jesus. ⁴ No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him.*

*2 Tim. 2:5 An **athlete** is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.*

*2 Tim. 2:6 It is the hard-working **farmer** who ought to have the first share of the crops.*

*2 Tim. 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a **workman** who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.*

*2 Tim. 2:24 And the Lord's **servant** must not be quarrelsome but kindly to everyone, an apt teacher, forbearing, ²⁵ correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant that they will repent and come to know the truth,*

2 Timothy 3: “A Warning List for Difficult Times”

*2 Timothy 3:2 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,
³ without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good,
⁴ treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God--
⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.*

2 Timothy 3:13 ... while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

2 Tim. 3:14 Continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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*2 Tim. 4:6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure.
⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
⁸ Now there is in store 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 longed for his appearing.*

2 Timothy 4:9 Do your best to come to me quickly, ¹⁰ for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. ¹² I sent Tychicus to Ephesus.
