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2 Timothy 2:14-4:8





- Worldliness
- Unbelief
- Pride
- Selfishness

- Postmodernism
- Pragmatism
- False Doctrine
- Division

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#### Paul's Letter To Timothy In Troublesome Times



- Timothy's faith 1:3-7
- Paul's suffering for the gospel & his faith - 1:8-12
- Hold to the pattern, for many have turned from it - 1:13-18
- Be strong & endure hardship for the gospel - 2:1-13

#### IN TIMES OF CONFUSION – BE DILIGENT

<sup>15</sup> Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. - 2 Tim 2:15



- Do not battle over "words of no profit" to "the ruin of the hearers" (2:14,23; cf. 1 Tim 6:4,5)
- Shun profane & vain babblings, for they increase to more ungodliness (2:16; cf 2 Tim 2:23; Titus 3:9-11)
- Their words will spread like cancer overthrowing the faith of some (2:17,18)

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- <sup>19</sup> Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity."
- Nevertheless (2:19)
  - We have a certain foundation cf. (1:12; Mat. 7:24,25; 1 Cor. 3:11)
  - God recognizes our faithfulness (cf. 2:11-13; Jn. 10:14, 27-30; Gal. 4:9)
  - We must resist iniquity & be pleasing to God by handling correctly the truth (cf. Mat. 7:21-23; Rom. 6; 2 Pt. 1:13-16)

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- <sup>22</sup> Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.
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- 2 Timothy 2:23–24 (NKJV)
- <sup>23</sup> But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife. <sup>24</sup> And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient,
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### 2 Timothy 2:25–26 (NKJV)

those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, <sup>26</sup> and *that* they may come to their senses *and escape* the snare of the devil, ...

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- Avoid foolish and ignorant disputes generate strife - (2:23)
- Do not quarrel w/ those opposed to the truth, but correct them - (2:24-26)

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  a pure heart.
- Be a vessel of honor— (of value & usefulness) (2:20,21)
- Pursue righteousness, faith, love,
   & peace from a pure heart (2:22)
- Be gentle, a teacher, patient, humble – correcting those taken captive - (2:24-26)

#### IN TIMES OF PERIL – BE FAITHFUL

<sup>14</sup> But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, - 2 *Timothy 3:14* 



- Perilous times will come for men will be (rebellious) ... lovers of pleasure, rather than lovers of God – (3:1-6)
- Men will be lifted up with pride, reject authority & resist the truth – (3:7-9)
- Evil men & imposters will grow worse
  & worse deceiving & being deceived
   (3:13; cf. 1 Tim 4:1-3)

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- "you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, persecutions & afflictions" – (3:10,11)
- Live godly suffer persecution (3:12)
- Trust & follow the scriptures, which you have learned & been assured of (3:14-17; 1 Pet. 1:22-2:2; 3:15; 4:11)

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<sup>2</sup> Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. — <sup>2</sup> Timothy 4:2



- People will NOT endure sound teaching (doctrine) - (4:3)
- People will demand doctrine which conforms to what they want – (4:3)
- People will seek out teachers that tell them what they want to hear – (4:3)
- Many will turn from the truth to fables- (4:4; cf. Rom. 1:18-32)

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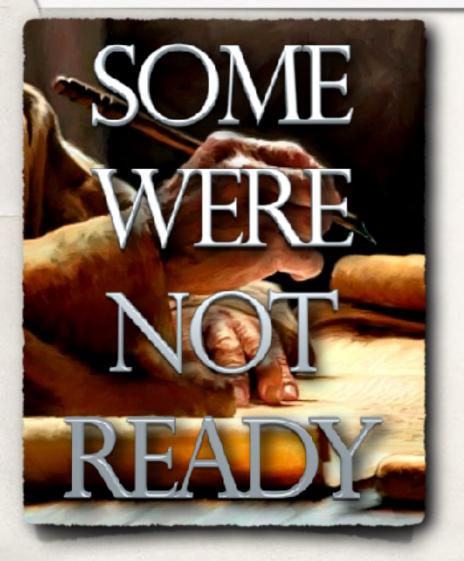
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- Continue to preach the word of God, whether people want it or not (4:2)
- Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching – (4:2)
- "Be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry" – (4:5)

#### IN THE TIME OF JUDGMENT – BE READY

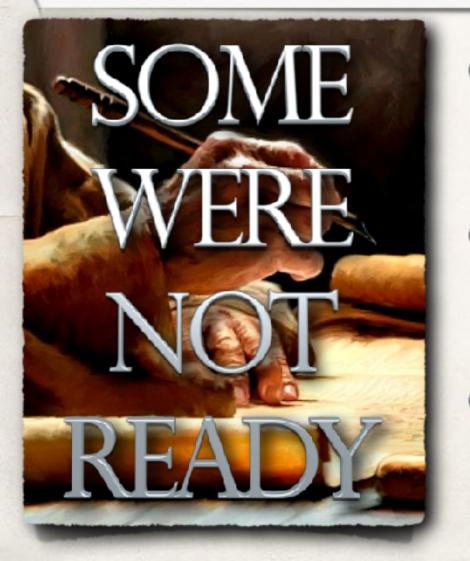
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- Phygellus & Hermogenes (1:15)
- Hymenaeus, Philetus (had overthrown the faith of many by teaching the resurrection had already passed) (2:14,16-18)
- The ungodly & those led astray by them— (3:1-9)
- Those who turn from the truth (4:3,4)
- Demas & Alexander (4:10,14)

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- May God grant them
   repentance (2:25,26)
- The Lord will repay according to their works (4:14)
- Everlasting destruction (Rom
   2:5-8; 2 Cor. 10:5; 2 Thes 1:7-9; Rev. 21:8)

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- Fight the good fight, (4:7;
  2:1-7; Eph. 6:10-18)
- Finish the race, (4:7; 1 Cor. 9:26,27; Heb. 12:1-3)
- Keep the faith (4:7; Prov. 23:23; Luke 8:15; Col. 1:23)

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#### FIVE EXHORTATIONS

- In Times of Confusion Be Diligent
- In Times of Strife Be Useful
- In Times of Peril Be Faithful
- In Times of Resistance Be Persistent
- In The Time of Judgment Be Ready

- We CAN LEARN & RECEIVE The Truth! Jn 17:17; James 1:18; Acts 2:38-42
  - We CAN be OBEDIENT to the TRUTH & Serve GOD's Purpose in This Wicked WORLD Mat. 5:13-16; Phli. 2:14-16
  - We CAN be READY When The LORD Returns 1 Cor. 15:58



#### 1 TIMOTHY 4:1-11 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, 3 forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

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4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; 5 for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. <sup>6</sup> If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed. 7 But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness.

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8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. 9 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. 10 For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. 11 These things command and teach.