

SECOND TIMOTHY

THE LAST WORDS
OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

**“Hold Fast The Pattern of
Sound Words”
(2 Timothy 1:13,14)**



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- Trusting in God's grace, mercy and peace - even in the midst of extreme trials. (1:2)
- Staying true to the scriptures and not sub-coming to the pressures of those around us (1:3)
- Concern and support for those who contend for the faith (1:4)
- Genuine faith is gained from God's word (1:5; 2 Tim 3:15)
- Fulfilling our duties to God (1:6)
- Faith extinguishes fear (1:7)
- The Value of Being Committed To The Lord, No Matter The Cost” (1:8-12)

2 Timothy 1:13–14 (NKJV)

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2 Timothy 3:14–15 (NKJV)

¹⁴ But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, ¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.


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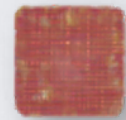
⁹ holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.

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THE PATTERN



Pattern: (hupotupōsis) “to sketch, outline.”



Wuest; The noun “tupos” means “the impression left by a seal, the effect of a blow or pressure, an engraved mark, a pattern, a model. The word thus speaks of a pattern by which one can maintain the sameness of a thing.”



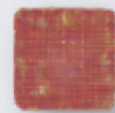
Lenski: hupotupōsis, “in all our preaching and theology; nothing must deviate even in the least from the lines, tracings, design thus laid down for us. Why? Because every deviation is like a stepping from truth into falsehood.”

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OF SOUND WORDS



Strong: hugiaino - "to have sound health, that is, be well (in body); figuratively to be uncorrupt (true in doctrine): - be in health, (be safe and) sound, (be) whole (-some).



Lou Nida: ὑγιαίνωb: (derivative of ὑγιήςb ‘right, accurate,’ 72.14) to be correct in one’s views, with the implication of such a state being positively valued—‘to be correct, to be sound, to be accurate.’



Paul delivered inspired words, (3:16; 1Th 2:13; 1Co 14:37), and as such, they constituted pattern to be followed—the standard by which all else was to be measured—outside of which rested the “anathema” of heaven (Gal. 1:8, 9).

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- The New Testament constitutes a God given PATTERN which HE expects us to follow!
- Paul and the other apostles and N.T. writers revealed “the whole council of God” (Jn 16:13; Acts 20:27; 2 Tim. 3:16,17)
- We are not to deviate from the “pattern of sound words” (2 John 9-11; Rev. 22:18,19; 1 Cor 4:6)

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**The totality of information revealed regarding any belief, teaching, or practice is the
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Ps 119:160

2 Timothy 1:13;

2 Peter 1:3;

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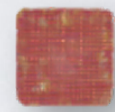
- How a lost sinner can be saved? (Rom. 10:17; 10:9,10; Acts 17:30; 2:38; Heb. 3:14)
- The church Jesus built? (Mat. 16:18; Acts 2:47; Eph. 5:24)
- What God accepts as true worship? (Jn 4:24; Acts 20:7; Eph. 5:19)
- The organization and work of the church (Phil. 1:1; Acts 20:28; Eph. 4:11-16; 1 Cor 11:22,34)

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IN FAITH AND LOVE



Faith & love are the motivating factors that produce the desired end. If one has faith in his physician, he will follow his instructions rigidly, doing exactly what he has prescribed.



So it is with Christ. If one's faith in Christ is what it ought to be, he will hold fast the form of sound words. In matters of religion, there is no time or place for the substitution of opinions. (John 14:15).

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- To walk by faith, (2 Cor. 5:7), is to walk by what God has said, [*If God has not spoken, we have no authority ...* (Acts 15:24; Heb. 7:14; 2 John 9)]
- If we love and honor God we will seek to do as He says, (John 14:15; 1 John 5:3,4)
- We manifest our faith and love for God by seeking His will in all things! (Acts 17:11,12; 2 Tim. 2:15; 1 John 2:3-6)

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THAT GOOD THING WHICH WAS COMMITTED TO YOU



The gospel had been committed to Paul for proclamation and safe keeping (Ro. 3:2: 1 Co. 9:17: 2 Co. 5:19, 20: Ga. 2:7: 1 Ti. 1:11)



Since Paul is certain that “the time of my departure is at hand” (4:6), he is concerned all the more about keeping the gospel, that good thing which was committed unto Timothy, pure and without any deviation either to the left hand or to the right. (1 Ti. 6:20)

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KEEP BY THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO DWELLS IN US



The same help given Timothy by the Holy Ghost in his efforts to hold fast the form of sound words is the same help given us today in our efforts to faithfully proclaim the gospel. (“give attendance to reading, to doctrine, to meditate, to study,” etc., (1 Tim. 4:16; 2 Tim. 2:15).



The Holy Spirit indwells the Christian (1 Cor. 6:19, 20; 2 Tim. 1:14), but that he does so through the word, (1 John 4:12; Eph. 3:17; Gal. 2:20).

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