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- ◆ Remained close to Paul afterward until Paul's final imprisonment and execution (4:9,13; Phil 2:19-24).

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- ◆ During the closing years of Paul's life Timothy was left in Ephesus (cf. 1 Tim 1:3; Acts 20:29–32).
- ◆ Timothy was as a dearly beloved son to Paul, begotten of him through the Gospel (1 Tim 1:2, 2:1; 2 Tim 1:2; cf. 1 Cor 4:5).

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2 Timothy 4:1-8 (NKJV)

¹ I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: ² Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

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³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; ⁴ and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. ⁵ But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

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⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

⁸ Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

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These words are written in anticipation and expectation of his martyrdom



- ◆ In the Mamertine Prison in a cold dungeon cell - (2 Tim 4:9,13,21).
- ◆ He is alone, except for his friend and physician, Luke - (4:11).
- ◆ He grieves that many of his friends and brethren had forsaken him and the Truth - (4:10,14-16).
- ◆ The victorious Paul is able to look back over his life's work, see the hand of God in it all and give Him the praise, and the honor and the glory - (4:6-8; 17-18).

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His Charge & Duty



- ◆ **To whom is the preacher answerable** - (4:1; cf. 1 Thes. 3:2; Col. 1:24-29)
- ◆ **Preach the Word** – The power to save men is found in the word of God – not creeds, dogmas, opinions, flattery, eloquence, friendship - (4:2; 2 Tim. 3:14-17; Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 1:18,21; Heb. 4:12; 1 Pt. 4:11; Eph. 4:11-12).
- ◆ **To be ready** – prepared and faithful to the message when wanted or not - (4:2; Acts 20:18-21).

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- ◆ **Convince** - “to reprehend severely, chide, admonish, reprove” . . . “to call to account, show one his fault,” — Thayer - (4:2; cf. Col. 1:28,29)
- ◆ **Rebuke** — “to tax with fault, rate, chide, rebuke, reprove, censure severely,” . . . charge one with wrong,” - Thayer - (4:2; Titus 1:13; 2:15; Rev. 3:19).
- ◆ **Exhort** — ““to address, speak to” . . . entreaty, comfort, instruction, etc.” — Thayer - (4:2; 1 Tim 4:13; 2 Tim 2:21,25)

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His Labor of Patience



- ◆ **With all longsuffering** - “patience, forbearance, long-suffering, slowness in avenging wrongs,” — Thayer - (4:2; cf. 2 Tim 3:10)
- ◆ **Preaching many times requires a chipping away approach** – (Uprooting long held practices and belief’s requires much patience).
- ◆ **The patience of the farmer** – Sow the seed and let God’s Word do its work - (Jam. 5:7; 1 Cor. 3:5-14)

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- ◆ **Need to be watchful** – for error, sin, false teachers, doctrine, own life, etc. - (4:5; cf. Acts 20:30,31; 1 Tim 4:6-16)
- ◆ **Endure afflictions** – persecutions, rejection, hardships - (4:5; cf. 1:8; 2:3,10; 3:10-12)
- ◆ **Do the work of an evangelist** – study, preach, prove, rebuke, exhort, defend truth, expose error (4:5; 1 Tim 4:12-16)
- ◆ **fulfill your ministry** – (4:5; cf. Rom 15:19; Col. 1:24-29; 4:17)

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- ◆ **The word has the power to save all who believe - (James 1:21–25).**
- ◆ **The evangelist has the duty to hold up the mirror and call men to behold themselves therein.**
- ◆ **It is the responsibility of the hearers to see what manner of men they are before God and act accordingly.**

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His Confidence



- ◆ **Paul is ready to die, to be poured out as a drink offering along with the sacrifice of the fruits of his preaching - (4:6; Philippians 1:23; 2:17)**
- ◆ **Paul was confident that he had faithfully kept his trust with God in preaching the Gospel, - (4:6,7; cf. 1 Cor. 9:24-27; 2 Tim 1:12)**

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- ◆ **I have fought the good fight, -** (4:7; cf. 1 Tim 1:18; 6:12; 2 Cor. 10:3-5)
- ◆ **I have finished the race, -** (4:7; cf. Acts 20:24; Phil 3:13,14; Heb. 12:1,2)
- ◆ **I have kept the faith -** (4:7; cf. 2 Tim 1:14; 1 Tim 6:20; Rev 3:10)

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His Reward From The Lord



- ◆ **The crown of righteousness** - a symbol of the victory through faith, - (4:8; cf. Phil 3:9-11)
- ◆ **Preachers will be judged whether or not they have fulfilled their duty** - (cf. James 3:1)
- ◆ **This crown is given to the evangelist who is true to the Word and true to his Lord** - (what of those who are not? - 2 Pet 2:1-4, 15-17)

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2 Timothy 4:16-18 (NKJV)

¹⁶ At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them. ¹⁷ But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and *that* all the Gentiles might hear. And I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. ¹⁸ And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve *me* for His heavenly kingdom. To Him *be* glory forever and ever. Amen!

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- ◆ **Will YOU be among those who love the appearing of the Lord?** - (4:8; cf. 2 Thes 1:6-12)
- ◆ **Will you support and encourage those who stand for the truth – who defend it – who rebuke error – who encourage men to live according to the TRUTH?** - (cf. James 3:1)
- ◆ **This crown is given to ALL who are true to the Word and true to the Lord!** – (Rev 2:10; 1 Cor. 15:58)

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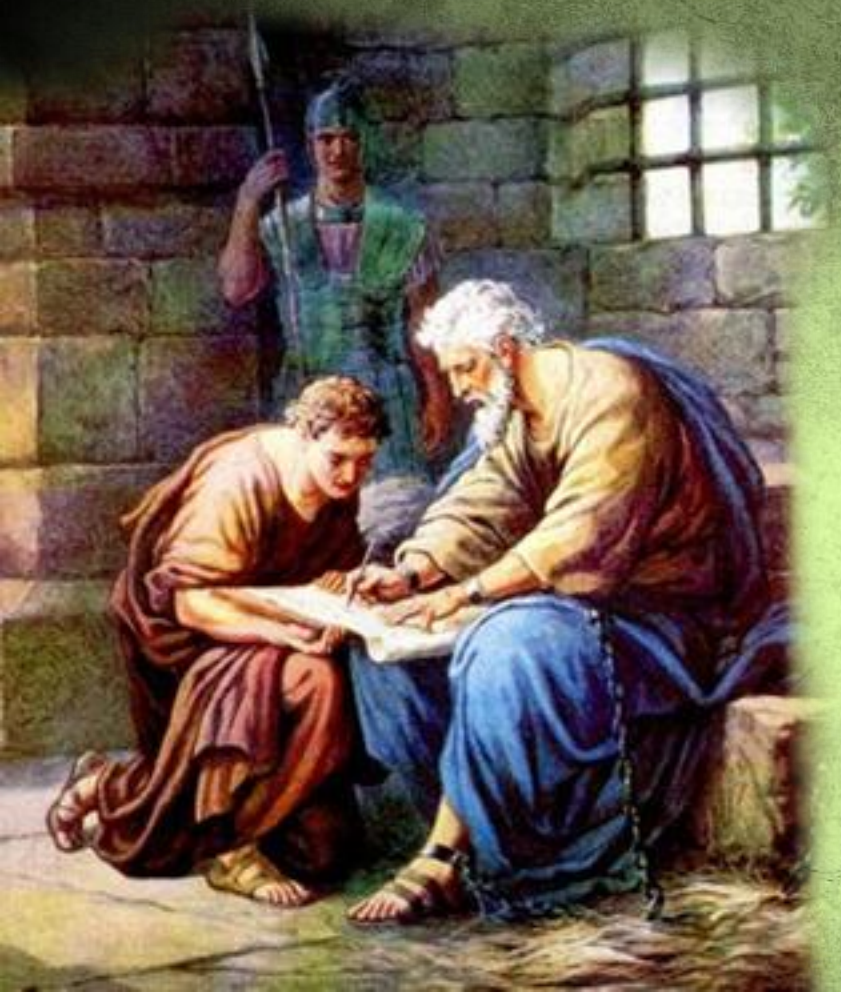
Lessons Apply To All

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**What of OUR
patience?**

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