

Phrasing

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1 Timothy 1:1-2

Writer

1:1 Paul,
an apostle of Christ Jesus
by command of God our Savior and
of Christ Jesus our hope,

Recipient

1:2 To Timothy,
my true child in the faith:

Greeting

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and
Christ Jesus our Lord.

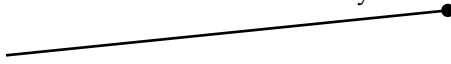
1 Timothy 1:3-7

Historical Situation

1:3 As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia,
remain at Ephesus

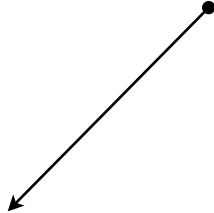
Charge

that you may charge certain persons
not to teach any different doctrine,
1:4 nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies,
which promote speculations rather than
the stewardship from God that is by faith.



Goal

1:5 The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and
a good conscience and
a sincere faith.



Urgency

1:6 Certain persons,
by swerving from these,
have wandered away into vain discussion,
1:7 desiring to be teachers of the law,
without understanding either what they are saying or
the things about which they make confident
assertions.

1 Timothy 1:8-11

Statement

1:8 Now
 we know that the law is good,
 if one uses it lawfully,

Using the law lawfully

1:9 understanding this,
 that the law is not laid down for the just
 but
 for the lawless and disobedient,
 for the ungodly and sinners,
 for the unholy and profane,

 for those who strike their fathers and mothers,
 for murderers,
1:10 the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality,
 enslavers,
 liars, perjurers,
 and
 whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine,

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1:11 in accordance with the glorious gospel of the blessed God
 with which I have been entrusted.

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Thanksgiving

1:12 I thank him who has given me strength,
Christ Jesus our Lord,
because he judged me faithful,
appointing me to his service,
1:13 though formerly I was a blasphemer,
persecutor, and an
insolent person.

Paul's Merciful and Gracious Salvation

But
I received mercy
because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief,
1:14 and
the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and
love that are in Christ Jesus.

Paul's Role in God's Plan of Salvation

1:15 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners,
of whom I am the foremost.

1:16 But
I received mercy for this reason,
that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his
perfect patience
as an example to those who were to believe in him
for eternal life.

Doxology

1:17 To the King of ages,
immortal, invisible, the only God,
be honor and glory forever and ever.
Amen.

1 Timothy 1:18-20

1:18 This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child,
in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you,
that by them you may wage the good warfare,
1:19 holding faith and
a good conscience.
By rejecting this,
some have made shipwreck of their faith,
1:20 among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander,
whom I have handed over to Satan
that they may learn not to blaspheme.

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Prayers for all people

2:1 First of all, then,
I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,

2:2 for kings and
all who are in high positions,

that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life,
godly and dignified in every way.

Reason #1

2:3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior,

2:4 who desires all people to be saved and
to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Reason #2

2:5 For
there is one God, and
there is one mediator between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus,

2:6 who gave himself as a ransom for all,
which is the testimony given at the proper time.

Reason #3

2:7 For this I was appointed a preacher and
an apostle
(I am telling the truth, I am not lying),
a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

1 Timothy 2:8-10

Men's Conduct in Worship

2:8 I desire then that
in every place
the men should pray,
lifting holy hands
without anger or quarreling;

Women's Conduct in Worship

2:9 likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel,
with modesty and self-control,
not with braided hair and with gold or pearls or
costly attire,
2:10 but with what is proper for women who profess godliness
—with good works.

1 Timothy 2:11-15

Women may learn but not teach

2:11 Let a woman learn quietly
with all submissiveness.

2:12 I do not permit a woman to teach
or
to exercise authority over a man;
rather,
she is to remain quiet.

Reason #1

2:13 For
Adam was formed first, then Eve;

Reason #2

2:14 and
Adam was not deceived,
but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor.

2:15 Yet she will be saved through childbearing—
if they continue in faith and love and
holiness, with self-control.

1 Timothy 3:1-7

3:1 The saying is trustworthy:

If anyone aspires to the office of overseer,
he desires a noble task.

3:2 Therefore

{1} an overseer must be above reproach,

the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled,
respectable, hospitable, able to teach,
3:3 not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome,
not a lover of money.

3:4 {2} He must manage his own household well,

with all dignity keeping his children submissive,
3:5 for if someone does not know how to manage his own household,
how will he care for God's church?

3:6 {3} He must not be a recent convert,

or he may become puffed up with conceit and
fall into the condemnation of the devil.

3:7 Moreover,

{4} he must be well thought of by outsiders,
so that he may not fall into disgrace,
into a snare of the devil.

1 Timothy 3:8-13

3:8 Deacons likewise must be dignified,
not double-tongued,
not addicted to much wine,
not greedy for dishonest gain.

3:9 They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.

3:10 And
let them also be tested first;
then let them serve as deacons
if they prove themselves blameless.

3:11 [Their] wives likewise must be dignified,
not slanderers,
but sober-minded,
faithful in all things.

3:12 Let deacons each be the husband of one wife,
managing their children and
their own households well.

3:13 For
those who serve well as deacons
gain a good standing for themselves and
also great confidence in the faith
that is in Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 3:14-16

3:14 I hope to come to you soon,
but
I am writing these things to you so that,
3:15 if I delay,
you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God,
which is the church of the living God,
a pillar and buttress of the truth.

3:16 Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:
He was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated by the Spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed on in the world,
taken up in glory.

1 Timothy 4:1-5

- 4:1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times
some will depart from the faith
by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and
teachings of demons,
- 4:2 through the insincerity of liars
whose consciences are seared,
- 4:3 who
forbid marriage and
require abstinence from foods
that God created to be received with thanksgiving
by those who believe and know the
truth.
- 4:4 For
everything created by God is good, and
nothing is to be rejected
if it is received with thanksgiving,
- 4:5 for it is made holy by the word of God and
prayer.

1 Timothy 4:6-10

- 4:6 If you put these things before the brothers,
you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus,
 being trained in the words of the faith and
 of the good doctrine that you have followed.
- 4:7 Have nothing to do with irreverent, silly myths.
 Rather
train yourself for godliness;
- 4:8 for while bodily training is of some value,
godliness is of value in every way,
 as it holds promise for the present life and also
 for the life to come.
- 4:9 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance.
- 4:10 For to this end we toil and strive, because
we have our hope set on the living God,
 who is the Savior of all people,
 especially of those who believe.

1 Timothy 4:11-16

4:11 Command and teach these things.

4:12 Let no one despise you for your youth,
but
set the believers an example in speech,
in conduct,
in love,
in faith,
in purity.

4:13 Until I come,
devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture,
to the exhortation,
to the teaching.

4:14 Do not neglect the gift you have,
which was given you by prophecy
when the council of elders laid their hands on you.

4:15 Practice these things,
devote yourself to them,
so that all may see your progress.

4:16 Keep a close watch on yourself and
on the teaching.
Persist in this,
for
by so doing you will save both yourself and
your hearers.

1 Tim 5:1-2

5:1 Do not rebuke but encourage an older man as a father,
younger men as brothers,
5:2 older women as mothers,
younger women as sisters
with all purity.

1 Timothy 5:3-16

Thesis

5:3 Honor widows who are truly widows.

5:4 But if a widow has children or grandchildren,
let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and
to make some return to their parents,
for this is pleasing in the sight of God.

Godly and Ungodly Widows

5:5 She who is truly a widow,
left all alone,
has set her hope on God and
continues in supplications and prayers night and day,

5:6 but she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives.

Reproach and Family Responsibility

5:7 Command these things as well, so that they may be without reproach.

5:8 But if anyone does not provide for his relatives,
and especially for members of his household,
he has denied the faith
and
is worse than an unbeliever.

Enrolling True Widows and not Enrolling Younger Widows

- 5:9 Let a widow be enrolled if she is not less than sixty years of age,
having been the wife of one husband,
5:10 and having a reputation for good works:
if she has brought up children,
has shown hospitality,
has washed the feet of the saints,
has cared for the afflicted, and
has devoted herself to every good work.
- 5:11 But refuse to enroll younger widows,
{1} for when their passions draw them away from Christ, they desire to marry
5:12 and so incur condemnation
for having abandoned their former faith.
- 5:13 Besides that,
{2} they learn to be idlers,
going about from house to house, and
not only idlers, but also gossips and busybodies,
saying what they should not.

Summary of Paul's Instructions

- 5:14 So I would have younger widows marry,
bear children,
manage their households, and
give the adversary no occasion for slander.
- 5:15 For some have already strayed after Satan.
- 5:16 If any believing woman has relatives who are widows,
let her care for them.

Let the church not be burdened,
so that it may care for those who are really widows.

1 Timothy 5:17-25

Payment

5:17 Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor,
especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.

5:18 For
the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain," and,
"The laborer deserves his wages."

Discipline

5:19 Do not admit a charge against an elder
except on the evidence of two or three witnesses.

5:20 As for those who persist in sin, rebuke them in the presence of all,
so that the rest may stand in fear.

5:21 In the presence of God and
of Christ Jesus and
of the elect angels
I charge you to keep these rules without prejudging,
doing nothing from partiality.

Appointment

5:22 Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands,
nor take part in the sins of others; keep yourself pure.

5:23 (No longer drink only water, but use a little wine
for the sake of your stomach and
your frequent ailments.)

5:24 The sins of some men are conspicuous, going before them to judgment,
but the sins of others appear later.

5:25 So also good works are conspicuous,
and even those that are not cannot remain hidden.

1 Timothy 6:1-2a

Slaves and Masters

6:1 Let all who are under a yoke as bondservants
regard their own masters as worthy of all honor,
so that the name of God and the teaching may not be reviled.

6:2a Those who have believing masters must not be disrespectful
on the ground that they are brothers;
rather
they must serve all the better
since those who benefit by their good service are believers
and beloved.

1 Timothy 6:2b-10

Transition

6:2b Teach and urge these things.

Downward spiral of the False Teachers

6:3 If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness,

6:4 he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing.

He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words,

6:5 which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, and constant friction among people

who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.

Profit of Godliness

6:6 Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment,

6:7 for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.

6:8 But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

Profit of Greed

6:9 But

those who desire to be rich fall into temptation,
into a snare,
into many senseless and harmful desires
that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

6:10 For

the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils.
It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and
pierced themselves with many pangs.

1 Timothy 6:11-16

6:11 But as for you, O man of God,
flee these things.
Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.

6:12 Fight the good fight of the faith.
Take hold of the eternal life
to which you were called and
about which you made the good confession
in the presence of many witnesses.

6:13 I charge you in the presence of God,
who gives life to all things, and
of Christ Jesus,
who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the
good confession,

6:14 to keep the commandment unstained and
free from reproach
until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,
6:15 which he will display at the proper time —

he who is the blessed and only Sovereign,
the King of kings and Lord of lords,

6:16 who alone has immortality,
who dwells in unapproachable light,
whom no one has ever seen or
can see.

To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

1 Timothy 6:17-21

6:17 As for the rich in this present age,
charge them not to be haughty,
nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches,
but
on God,
who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

6:18 They are to do good,
to be rich in good works,
to be generous and ready to share,

6:19 thus storing up treasure for themselves
as a good foundation for the future,
so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

Final Admonition

6:20 O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you.
Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge,”

6:21 for by professing it some have swerved from the faith.

Grace be with you.

Titus 1:1-4

Writer

1:1 Paul,

a servant of God

and an apostle of Jesus Christ,

for the sake of the faith of God's elect

and their knowledge of the truth,

which accords with godliness,

1:2 in hope of eternal life,

which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began

1:3 and at the proper time manifested

● in his word

through the preaching

with which I have been entrusted

by the command of God our Savior;

Recipient

1:4 To Titus,

my true child in a common faith:

Greeting

Grace and peace from God the Father

and Christ Jesus our Savior.

TITUS 1:5–9

- 1:5 This is why I left you in Crete,
so that you might put what remained into order, and
appoint elders in every town as I directed you—
- 1:6 if anyone is above reproach,
the husband of one wife, and
his children are believers and
not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination.
- 1:7 For
an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach.
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- He must not be
arrogant or
quick-tempered or
a drunkard or
violent or
greedy for gain,
- 1:8 but
hospitable,
a lover of good,
self-controlled,
upright,
holy, and
disciplined.
- 1:9 He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught,
so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also
to rebuke those who contradict it.

Titus 1:10–16

- 1:10 For
there are many who are insubordinate,
empty talkers and
deceivers,
especially those of the circumcision party.
- 1:11 They must be silenced,
since they are upsetting whole families
by teaching for shameful gain
what they ought not to teach.
- 1:12 One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said,
“Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.”
- 1:13 This testimony is true.
Therefore
rebuke them sharply,
that they may be sound in the faith,
- 1:14 not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and
the commands of people
who turn away from the truth.
- 1:15 To the pure, all things are pure,
but
to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure;
but both their minds and their consciences are defiled.
- 1:16 They profess to know God,
but
they deny him by their works.
They are detestable,
disobedient,
unfit for any good work.

ΠΡΟΣ ΤΙΤΟΝ 2,1-10

- 2:1 But as for you,
teach what accords with sound doctrine.
- 2:2 Older men are to be sober-minded,
dignified,
self-controlled,
sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness.
- 2:3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior,
not slanderers or slaves to much wine.
They are to teach what is good,
- 2:4 and so train the young women to love their husbands and children,
2:5 to be self-controlled,
pure,
working at home,
kind, and
submissive to their own husbands,
that the word of God may not be reviled.
- 2:6 Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled.

2:7 Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works,
and in your teaching show integrity,
dignity,
2:8 and sound speech that cannot be condemned,
so that an opponent may be put to shame,
having nothing evil to say about us.

2:9 Slaves are to be submissive to their own masters in everything;
they are to be well-pleasing,
not argumentative,
2:10 not pilfering,
but showing all good faith,
so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.

ΠΡΟΣ ΤΙΤΟΝ 2,11–15

- 2:11 For
the grace of God has appeared,
bringing salvation for all people,
- 2:12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and
to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,
- 2:13 waiting for our blessed hope,
the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus
Christ,
- 2:14 who gave himself for us
to redeem us from all lawlessness and
to purify for himself a people for his own possession
who are zealous for good works.
- 2:15 Declare these things;
exhort and rebuke with all authority.
Let no one disregard you.

ΠΡΟΣ ΤΙΤΟΝ 3,1-11

3:1 Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities,
 to be obedient,
 to be ready for every good work,

3:2 to speak evil of no one,
 to avoid quarreling,
 to be gentle, and
 to show perfect courtesy toward all people.

3:3 For
 we ourselves were once foolish,
 disobedient,
 led astray,
 slaves to various passions and pleasures,
 passing our days in malice and envy,
 hated by others and hating one another.

3:4 But
 when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,

3:5 he saved us,
 not because of works done by us in righteousness,
 but
 according to his own mercy,
 by the washing of regeneration
 and
 renewal of the Holy Spirit,

3:6 whom he poured out on us
richly
through Jesus Christ our Savior,
3:7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs
according to the hope of eternal life.

3:8 The saying is trustworthy, and
I want you to insist on these things,
so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote
themselves to good works.

False Teaching

These things are excellent and profitable for people.

3:9 But
avoid foolish controversies,
genealogies,
dissensions, and
quarrels about the law,
for they are unprofitable and worthless.

3:10 As for a person who stirs up division,
after warning him once and then twice,
have nothing more to do with him,

3:11 knowing that such a person is warped and
sinful;
he is self-condemned.

ΠΡΟΣ ΤΙΤΟΝ 3,12-15

- 3:12 When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you,
do your best to come to me at Nicopolis,
 for I have decided to spend the winter there.
- 3:13 Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way;
see that they lack nothing.
- 3:14 And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works,
 so as to help cases of urgent need, and
 not be unfruitful.
- 3:15 All who are with me send greetings to you.
Greet those who love us in the faith.
Grace be with you all.

2 Timothy 1:1–2

1:1 Paul,
an apostle of Christ Jesus
by the will of God
according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

1:2 To Timothy,
my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and
Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Timothy 1:3-8

Thanksgiving

1:3 I thank God

whom I serve, as did my ancestors,
with a clear conscience,
as I remember you constantly in my prayers
night and day.

1:4 As I remember your tears,

I long to see you,

that I may be filled with joy.

1:5 I am reminded of your sincere faith,

a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and
your mother Eunice
and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.

Call to Suffer without Shame

1:6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God,

which is in you

through the laying on of my hands,

1:7 for

God gave us a spirit not of fear

but

of power and love and self-control.

1:8 Therefore

do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord,

nor of me his prisoner,

but

share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,

1:9 who saved us
and
called us to a holy calling,

not because of our works
but
because of his own purpose and grace,
which he gave us in Christ Jesus
before the ages began,
1:10 and which now has been manifested
through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus,
who abolished death and
brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,
1:11 for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher,
1:12 which is why I suffer as I do.
But I am not ashamed,
for
{1} I know whom I have believed, and
{2} I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me.

1:13 Follow the pattern of the sound words
that you have heard from me,
in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
1:14 By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us,
guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Examples

1:15 You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me,
among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes.

1:16 May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus,
for he often refreshed me and
was not ashamed of my chains,

1:17 but
when he arrived in Rome he searched for me earnestly and found me —

1:18 may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day! —
and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.

2 Timothy 2:1–13

Continued Appeal to Timothy

2:1 You then, my child, be strengthened
by the grace that is in Christ Jesus,
2:2 and
what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses
entrust to faithful men
who will be able to teach others also.

2:3 Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.
2:4 {1} No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits,
since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.
2:5 {2} An athlete is not crowned
unless he competes according to the rules.
2:6 {3} It is the hard-working farmer
who ought to have the first share of the crops.
2:7 Think over what I say,
for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

Gospel

2:8 Remember Jesus Christ,
risen from the dead,
the offspring of David,
as preached in my gospel,
2:9 for which I am suffering,
bound with chains as a criminal.
But
the word of God is not bound!

2 Timothy 2:14–21

Timothy and Opponents Contrasted

2:14 Remind them of these things, and
charge them before God not to quarrel about words,
which does no good, but
only ruins the hearers.

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

2:16 But
avoid irreverent babble,
for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness,
2:17 and
their talk will spread like gangrene.

Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,
2:18 who have swerved from the truth,
saying that the resurrection has already happened.
They are upsetting the faith of some.

2:19 But
God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal:

• "The Lord knows those who are his,"
and,
"Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

Metaphors contrasting Timothy and the False Teachers

2:20 Now

in a great house there are not only vessels

of gold and silver but
also of wood and clay,

some for honorable use,
some for dishonorable.

2:21 Therefore,

if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable,
he will be a vessel for honorable use,

set apart as holy,
useful to the master of the house,
ready for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:1–9

- 3:1 But understand this,
that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.
- 3:2 For
people will be lovers of self,
lovers of money,
proud,
arrogant,
abusive,
disobedient to their parents,
ungrateful,
unholy,
- 3:3 heartless,
unappeasable,
slanderous,
without self-control,
brutal,
not loving good,
- 3:4 treacherous,
reckless,
swollen with conceit,
lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,
- 3:5 having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power.

Avoid such people.

3:6 For

among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women,



burdened with sins and

led astray by various passions,

3:7

always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth.

3:8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses,

so these men also oppose the truth,

men corrupted in mind and

disqualified regarding the faith.

3:9 But

they will not get very far,

for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men.

2 Timothy 3:10-4:8

Persecution will come

3:10 You, however, have followed my teaching,
my conduct,
my aim in life,
my faith,
my patience,
my love,
my steadfastness,
3:11 my persecutions and sufferings

that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—
which persecutions I endured;

yet from them all the Lord rescued me.

3:12 Indeed,
all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,
3:13 while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse,
deceiving and being deceived.

Preach the Word

3:14 But as for you,
continue in what you have learned and
have firmly believed,
knowing from whom you learned it
3:15 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings,

which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

3:16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and
profitable for teaching,
for reproof,
for correction, and
for training in righteousness,
3:17 that the man of God may be competent,
equipped for every good work.

4:1 I charge you in the presence of God and
of Christ Jesus,
who is to judge the living and the dead,
and by his appearing
and his kingdom:

4:2 preach the word;
be ready in season and out of season;
reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

Reason for Urgency

4:3 For

the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching,

but

having itching ears

they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions,

4:4 and

will turn away from listening to the truth and

wander off into myths.

4:5 As for you,

always be sober-minded,

endure suffering,

do the work of an evangelist,

fulfill your ministry.

4:6 For

I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and

the time of my departure has come.

4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

4:8 Henceforth

there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness,

which the Lord ... will award to me on that Day,

the righteous judge

and

not only to me

but also to all who have loved his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:9–22

Final personal comments

4:9 Do your best to come to me soon.

4:10 For

Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica.
Crescens has gone to Galatia, to Dalmatia.

4:11 Luke alone is with me.

Get Mark and bring him with you,
for he is very useful to me for ministry.

4:12 Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus.

4:13 When you come,
bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas,
also the books,
and above all the parchments.

4:14 Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm;
the Lord will repay him according to his deeds.

4:15 Beware of him yourself,
for he strongly opposed our message.

4:16 At my first defense
no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me.
May it not be charged against them!

4:17 But
the Lord stood by me and strengthened me,
so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed
and all the Gentiles might hear it.
So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

4:18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed
and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom.
To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Greeting

4:19 Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.

4:20 Erastus remained at Corinth,
and I left Trophimus, who was ill, at Miletus.

4:21 Do your best to come before winter.

Eubulus sends greetings to you, as do Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brothers.

Benediction

4:22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.