

## 2 Timothy

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### Lesson 10: 2 Timothy 4

If you had a final chapter to write in a book before your death, what would you write? Some people might write about what they wish they would have done while others might write about regrets. Paul was a man who had neither. Coming right off the most descriptive verses on the nature of God’s Word in 2 Timothy 3:15–17, Paul commands Timothy to preach the Word and fulfill his ministry. He wanted Timothy to focus on things that really matter—the truth of God’s Word. Paul did, however, have one final wish before his death. Let’s dive in and see what Paul’s command and dying wish to Timothy are.

➤ **Read 2 Timothy 4:1–5**

1. In verse 1, who does Paul use as his witness to make the “charge” to Timothy?
2. In verse 1, who is Christ the judge over? Look at verse 8, what kind of judge is Christ for believers?
3. In verse 2, what is Paul’s “charge” to Timothy?
4. When is Timothy supposed to “preach the word”?
5. In verse 2, how is Timothy supposed to “reprove, rebuke, and exhort” in his preaching?
6. According to verses 3–4, Paul says “the time will come” when professing Christians will not tolerate sound doctrine. Do you think “the time” has come? Explain.

**Application:** What are ways professing Christians have their “ears tickled” and “turn aside to myths” today? How can you guard yourself from wanting your ears ticked?

7. In verse 5, Paul lays out four things he wants Timothy to do. Did Paul do these things? Explain.

➤ **Read 2 Timothy 4:6–8**

8. In verse 6, what does Paul realize?

**Application:** How does Paul description of his life in verse 7 motivate you in your Christian walk?

9. In verse 8, what is Paul looking forward to?

**Application:** Death scares a lot of people. Why do you think it does? Does it scare you? Why?

**Application:** In what ways does verse 8 encourage you not to fear death?

➤ **Read 2 Timothy 4:9–15**

10. In verses 9, what does Paul want Timothy to do?

11. In verse 10, what happened to Demas?

12. Read Acts 15:36–41. What does verse 11 tell you about the relationship of Paul and Mark?

13. In verse 12, how does this show Paul's care for the Ephesians church in light of verse 9?

14. In verse 13, what does Paul want Timothy to bring with him?

15. In verses 14–15, how is Paul showing love toward Timothy? What comfort does Paul give Timothy?

**Application:** Has anyone ever showed you love by warning you about an enemy of the gospel? Explain.

➤ **Read 2 Timothy 4:16–18**

16. According to verses 16–17, who was with Paul at his first trial?

17. In verse 18, what did God's rescue plan look like for Paul?

➤ **Read 2 Timothy 4:19–22**

18. Read Acts 28:8–9. In verse 20, what does this tell you about the gift of healing that Paul had?

19. Read verses 9 and 13. In verse 21, why does Paul want Timothy to come before winter?

**Application:** What verse(s) impacted you the most in this lesson? Why?