

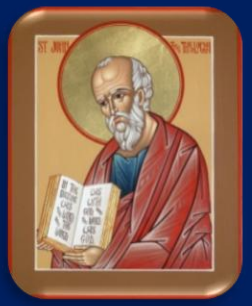
2 Timothy


finish the race
2 Timothy 4

2 Timothy Introduction

The Call to Christian Perseverance

Answering Nine Questions



1) Who wrote it? – Paul
2) What do we know about the author? – An Apostle
3) To whom was it written? – Timothy
4) When was it written? - A.D. 67
5) Where was it written from? – Rome
6) Why was it written? – Timothy's timidity
7) What is it about? – Perseverance
8) What is inside (outline)? – 4 part outline
9) What makes the book different? – Paul's final word

Four Part Structure

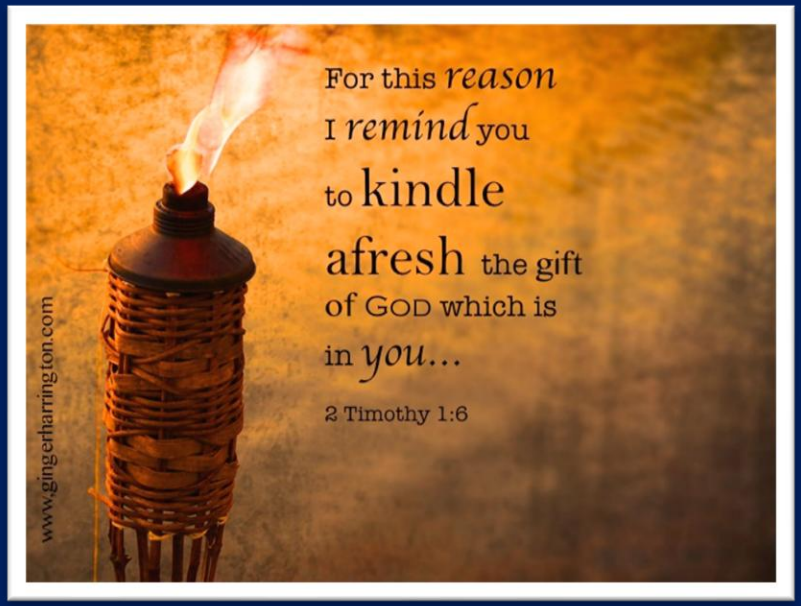
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2 Timothy 1 Outline

I. Greeting (1-2)
II. Thanksgiving (3-5)
III. Gifting (6)
IV. Courage (7)
V. Unashamed (8-14)
VI. Negative examples (15)
VII. Positive example (16-18)



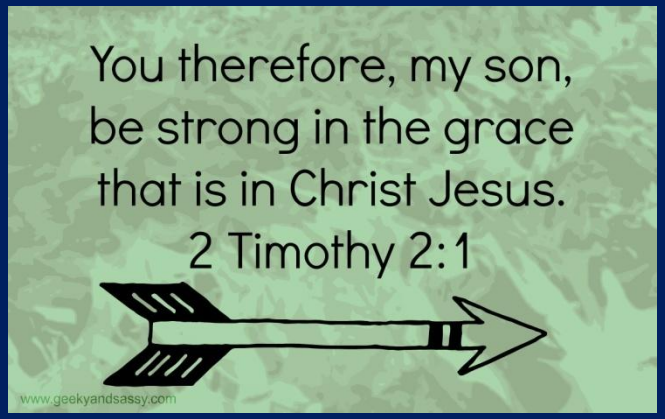
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2 Timothy 2

Ten Metaphors Illustrating Endurance

Key to Endurance (2 Tim 2:1)



- "Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus"



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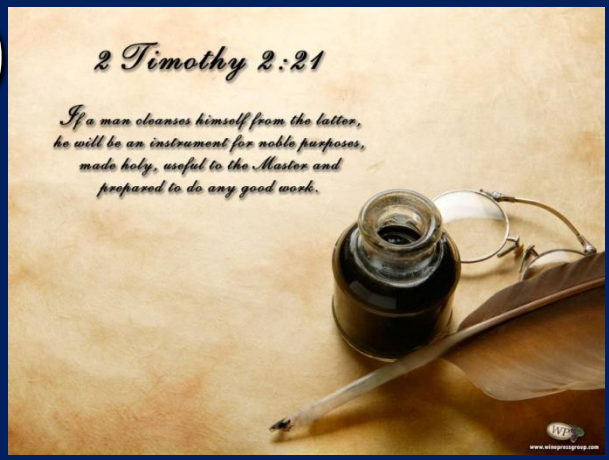
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2 Tim 2:2

- Teacher (2:2): four generations (from Paul to Timothy, from Timothy to faithful men, from faithful men to others)



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2 Tim 2:3-4



- Soldier (2:3-4)
  - Endures hardship
  - Un-entangled
  - Limited options

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2 Tim 2:5

- Athlete (2:5)
  - 1 Cor. 9:25
  - Must compete according to the rules



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2 Tim 2:6



- Farmer (2:6)
  - Diligence
  - No immediate crop

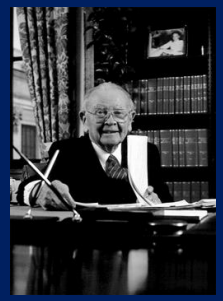
Scripture's Five Crowns (Rev 4:10: 3:11; 2 John 8)

Scripture	**Title**	**Purpose**
1 Cor. 9:24-27	Incorruptible crown	Gaining mastery over the old man
1 Thess 2:19-20	Crown of rejoicing	Soul winning
Jas 1:12; Rev 2:10	Crown of life	Enduring trials
1 Pet 5:2-4	Crown of glory	Shepherding God's people
2 Tim 4:8	Crown of righteousness	Longing for His appearing

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"It is **arrogant** to pretend that from our vantage we can gauge accurately the intent of the framers on application of principle to specific contemporary questions. All too often sources of potential enlightenment such as records of the ratification debates provide sparse or ambiguous evidence of the original intention…And apart from the problematic nature of the sources, our distance of two centuries cannot but work as a prism refracting all we perceive."

William J. Brennan, Jr.; quoted in Eidesmoe, Christianity and the Constitution, 398-99.



“The issue with the Constitution is that the text is confusing because it was written more than 100 years ago and what people believe it says differs from person to person and differs depending upon what they want to get done.”

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bc4qHHIRcJw&feature=related.

Emergent Church Uncertainty



- "…ask me if Christianity (my version of it, yours, the Pope's, whoever's) is *orthodox*, meaning *true*, and here's my honest answer: *a little, but not yet*…To be a Christian in a generously orthodox way is not to claim to have the truth captured, stuffed, and mounted on the wall…But we keep seeking."

Brian McLaren, *A Generous Orthodoxy*, 293

Emergent Church Uncertainty

"I grew up thinking that we've figured out the Bible…that we know what it means. Now I have no idea what most of it means."



Kristen Bell; quoted in *Christianity Today*, 11/1/04

Emergent Church Uncertainty



"How do you know that the records we have of Jesus are really what happened?…I would have to say that I cannot know this with absolute, undoubtable, unquestionable certainty."

Brian McLaren, *The Church in the Emerging Culture*, 201

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Brian McLaren, cited in Oakland, 212.

Biblical Clarity: Homosexuality

- Gen 1:27
- Lev 18:22; 20:13
- Matt 19:3-6
- Rom 1:26-27
- 1 Cor 6:9-11
- 1 Tim 1:9-10
- Jude 7



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Warren Court Quip



"With five votes we can do anything"

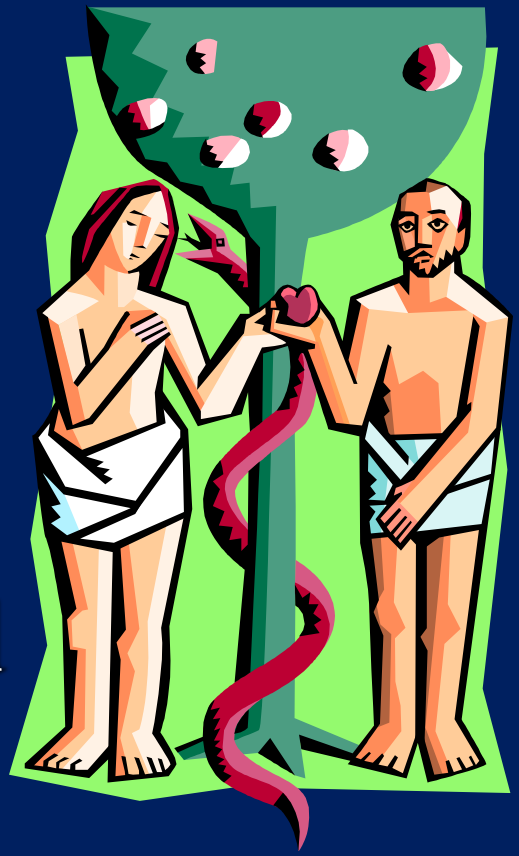
Owen M. Fiss, "Objectivity and Interpretation," in Interpreting Law and Literature: A Hermeneutic Reader, ed. Stanford Levinson and Steven Mailloux (Evanston, IL: Northwestern University Press, 1988), 244.

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Genesis 3:1



- Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?"

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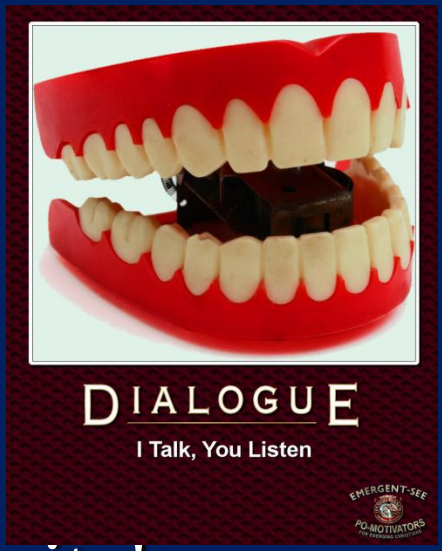
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"Isn't truth often best understood in a conversation, a dialectic (or trialectic), or a dynamic tension? Isn't in subverted by a tendency to "sola-ize'?"

Brian McLaren, *A Generous Orthodoxy*, 198



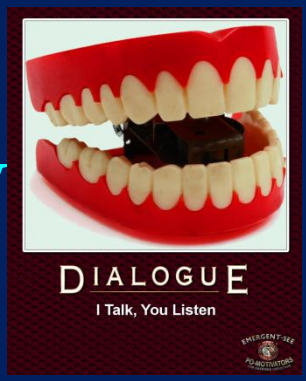
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"The key to navigating postmodernity's choppy, crazy waters is…to ride the waves and ***bridge the opposites***, especially where they converge in reconciliation and illumination" (Italics added).

Leonard Sweet, *Soul Tsunami*, 163

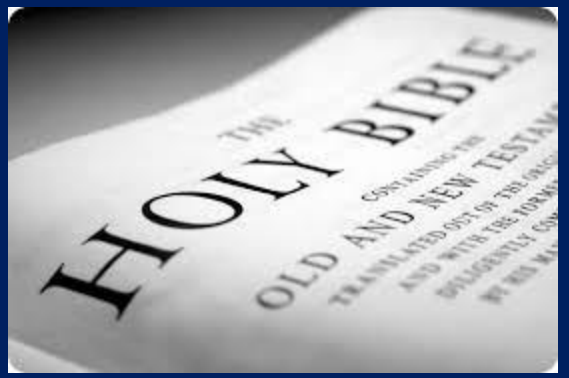
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"A Generous Orthodoxy: Why I am a missional, evangelical, post/Protestant, liberal/conservative, mystical/poetic, biblical, charismatic/contemplative, Fundamentalist/Calvinist, Anabaptist/Anglican, Methodist, Catholic, Green, incarnational, depressed-yet hopeful, emergent, unfinished Christian."

Full Title of Brian McLaren's *A Generous Orthodoxy*

Biblical Certainty



- Certainty (Luke 1:4; 1 John 5:13; 2 Tim 2:15)
- Perspicuity (2 Pet 3:16?)

The reformers had “total confidence in what is called the perspicuity of Scripture...the clarity of Scripture. They maintained that the Bible is basically clear and lucid. It is simple enough for any literate person to understand its basic message…

What kind of God would reveal his love and redemption in terms so technical and concepts so profound that only an elite corps of professional scholars could understand them?…”



R.C. Sproul, *Knowing Scripture* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1977), 15-17.

"Biblical Christianity is not so esoteric a religion. Its content is not concealed in vague symbols that require some sort of special 'insight' to grasp. There is no special prowess or pneumatic gift that is necessary to understand the basic message of Scripture…The Bible speaks of God in meaningful patterns of speech. Some of those patterns my be more difficult than others, but they are not meant to be nonsense statements that only a guru can fathom."



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2 Tim 2:7-8

- Christ (2:7-8)
  - Ultimate example of endurance
  - Heb 12:2



Abrahamic Covenant

ABRAHAMIC
Genesis
15

LAND	SEED	BLESSING
LAND **Deuteronomy** **29-30**	**DAVIDIC** **2 Samuel** **7:12-16**	**NEW** **Jeremiah** **31:31-34**





Unconditional covenant with a conditional blessing (Deut. 28; Lev. 26)

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2 Tim 2:9-10



- Paul (2:9-10)
  - 2 Cor. 11:23-33
  - For the sake of the elect

Three Tenses of Salvation

Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	Past	Present	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	Power	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	Philip 2:12	Rom 5:10

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Trustworthy Statement (2:11-13)

- Believers died and will live with Christ (2:11)
- Four views (2:12)
  - Hypothetical
  - Arminian
  - Calvinisitic
  - Rewards
- Christ will never cancel His promise of eternal life to all believers (2:13)

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2 Tim 2:14-26

- Workman (2:14-18)
  - Avoid non biblical speculation (2:14, 16-18)
  - Embrace biblical truth (2:15)
- Vessel (2:19-23)
  - Two kinds of vessels (2:20-21)
  - Avoidance of “these things” (2:19, 22, 23)
- Servant (2:24-26)
  - Teach with patience (2:24-25)
  - Reason for patience (2:26)

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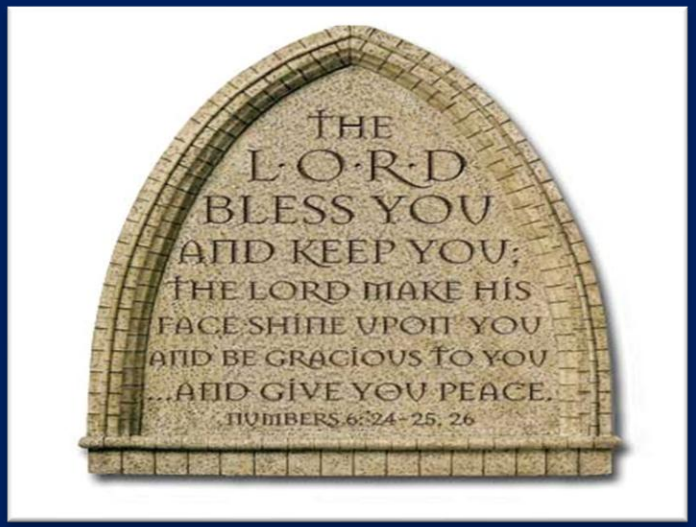


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Conclusion





"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." (NIV)