

II TIMOTHY



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HAVE A
Prayer
Request

2 Timothy

but because of his own
and grace. This grace was
in Christ Jesus before
ning of time, ¹⁰but it has
revealed through the
our Savior, Christ Jesus.

Chapter

1

Greeting

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will, for the sake of the promise of life in Christ Jesus:

**²To Timothy, my dearly loved son.
Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Thanksgiving

³I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience as my ancestors did, when I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day. ⁴Remembering your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy.

⁵I recall your sincere faith that first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and now, I am convinced, is in you also.

⁶Therefore, I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is in you through the laying on of my hands.

⁷For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment.

Not Ashamed of the Gospel

⁸So don't be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, or of me his prisoner. Instead, share in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God.

⁹He has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.

¹⁰This has now been made evident through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who has abolished death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald, apostle, and teacher,

**¹²and that is why I suffer these things.
But I am not ashamed, because I know
whom I have believed and am
persuaded that he is able to guard
what has been entrusted to me until
that day.**

Be Loyal to the Faith

¹³Hold on to the pattern of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good deposit through the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

¹⁵You know that all those in the province of Asia have deserted me, including Phygelus and Hermogenes.

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

¹⁷On the contrary, when he was in Rome, he diligently searched for me and found me. ¹⁸May the Lord grant that he obtain mercy from him on that day. You know very well how much he ministered at Ephesus.



Insights into Paul's character and motivation

With a very few exceptions, all Paul's letters were written to meet an immediate situation and not treatises which he sat down to write in the peace and silence of his study. There was some threatening situation in Corinth, or Galatia, or Philippi, or Thessalonica, and he wrote a letter to meet it. He was not in the least thinking of us when he wrote, but solely of the people to whom he was writing.



William Barclay

We must always remember that a thing need not be transient because it was written to meet an immediate situation. All the great love songs of the world were written for one person, but they live on for the whole of mankind. It is just because Paul's letters were written to meet a threatening danger or a clamant need that they still throb with life. And it is because human need and the human situation do not change that God speaks to us through them today.



William Barclay

First, then I am to describe

THE GRANDEST ACTION OF THE CHRISTIAN'S LIFE.

The apostle says, he committed himself into the hands of Christ. His soul with all its eternal interests; his soul with all its sins, with all its hopes, and all its fears, he had put into the hands of Christ, as the grandest and most precious deposit which man could ever make.



Charles Spurgeon

He had taken himself just as he was and had surrendered himself to Christ, saying "Lord save me, for I cannot save myself; I give myself up to thee, freely relying upon thy power, and believing in thy love. I give my soul up to thee to be washed, cleansed, saved, and preserved, and at last brought home to heaven." This act of committing himself to Christ was the first act which ever brought real comfort to his spirit



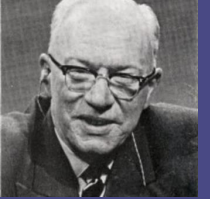
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One other thing we must note about these letters. Paul did what most people did in his day. He did not normally pen his own letters but dictated them to a secretary, and then added his own authenticating signature.



William Barclay

This explains a great deal. Sometimes Paul is hard to understand, because his sentences begin and never finish; his grammar breaks down and the construction becomes involved. We must not think of him sitting quietly at a desk, carefully polishing each sentence as he writes. We must think of him striding up and down some little room, pouring out a torrent (of ideas). (As) Paul composed his letters, he had in his mind's eye a vision of words, while his secretary races to get them down. (To) the folk to whom he was writing, he was pouring out his heart to them in words that fell over each other in his eagerness to help.



Paul wrote this letter from his second Roman imprisonment, and soon after he wrote this letter he was condemned and executed in Rome at the command of Nero. Paul sensed this; therefore II Timothy is not only the last letter we have from Paul, there is also a note of urgency and passion we might expect from a man who knew he would soon be executed.

Insights into scripture passages

According to the promise of life: This statement is unique compared to greetings in Paul's other letters. It was appropriate here because Paul was imprisoned again in Rome and he expected to be executed (2 Timothy 4:6). Therefore, this promise of life was especially precious to him.



V3

**What does this
mean to you**

**“whom I serve with
a clear conscience”**



V3

**Who do you
“constantly
remember with
your prayers”?**



V5

**Did you grow up in
a family of faith?**

Tell us about them.

In I and II Timothy there are no less than 25 different places where Paul encouraged Timothy to be bold, to not shy away from confrontation, to stand up where he needs to stand up and be strong. Because of who Timothy was and the responsibilities he had to bear, this was what Timothy needed to hear.



V8

**Are you “ashamed”
of the gospel?**

**Do you know
anyone who is?**

**How can one be
ashamed of the
gospel?**



V11

Paul tells us he was “appointed a herald, apostle, and teacher” for the gospel.

What has God appointed you to be/do?



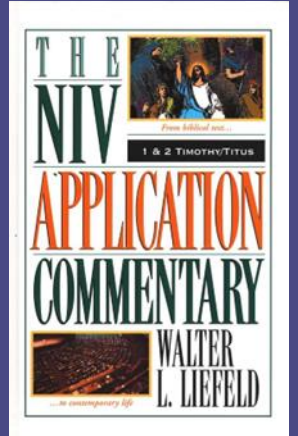
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**Where can we find
“sound teaching” to
help us in our spiritual
journey?**

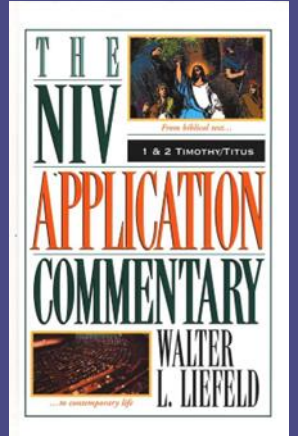
God has committed many good things to us; we must be faithful to keep them. Keep has more than just the idea of holding on to something; it also means to guard it and to use it wisely. God has given us His Word, family relationships, time, talents, resources, education, and so on. We must be faithful to keep those good things in a way that brings glory and credit to Jesus.

**Insights into
applications of
this chapter**

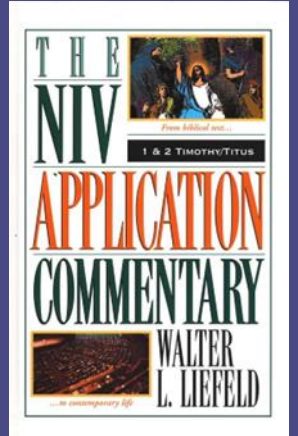
The skills and professional knowledge needed for service to God today can be gained in many ways. What is less attainable are character and wisdom. These are qualities that are sometimes lacking in professional religious figures. The seminary, church, mission, or other parachurch organization can help candidates for service by concentrating as much as possible on their personal and spiritual well-being.



Also gone , for the most part, are the days when a young person who's faithful in Sunday school and who perhaps assist in various ministries will be noticed in the church, taken under the care of the pastor or others, and shepherded into Christian ministry. Today pastors, elders, Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, and others need to be praying for young men and women to respond to God's call to Christian life and service.




As for those enduring literal imprisonment, whether justly or unjustly, we need to be aware of the massive number of people – Christians, but others also - who are imprisoned and otherwise persecuted around the world. Some have been held hostage by guerrillas in Colombia. Some languish in Chinese and African prisons, victims of totalitarian regimes. Atrocities are committed by Muslim fundamentalists and other radical religious groups. People still die in the Middle East and Northern Ireland.



**Questions or
comments?**





May God bless you
with peace, health,
hope and love.