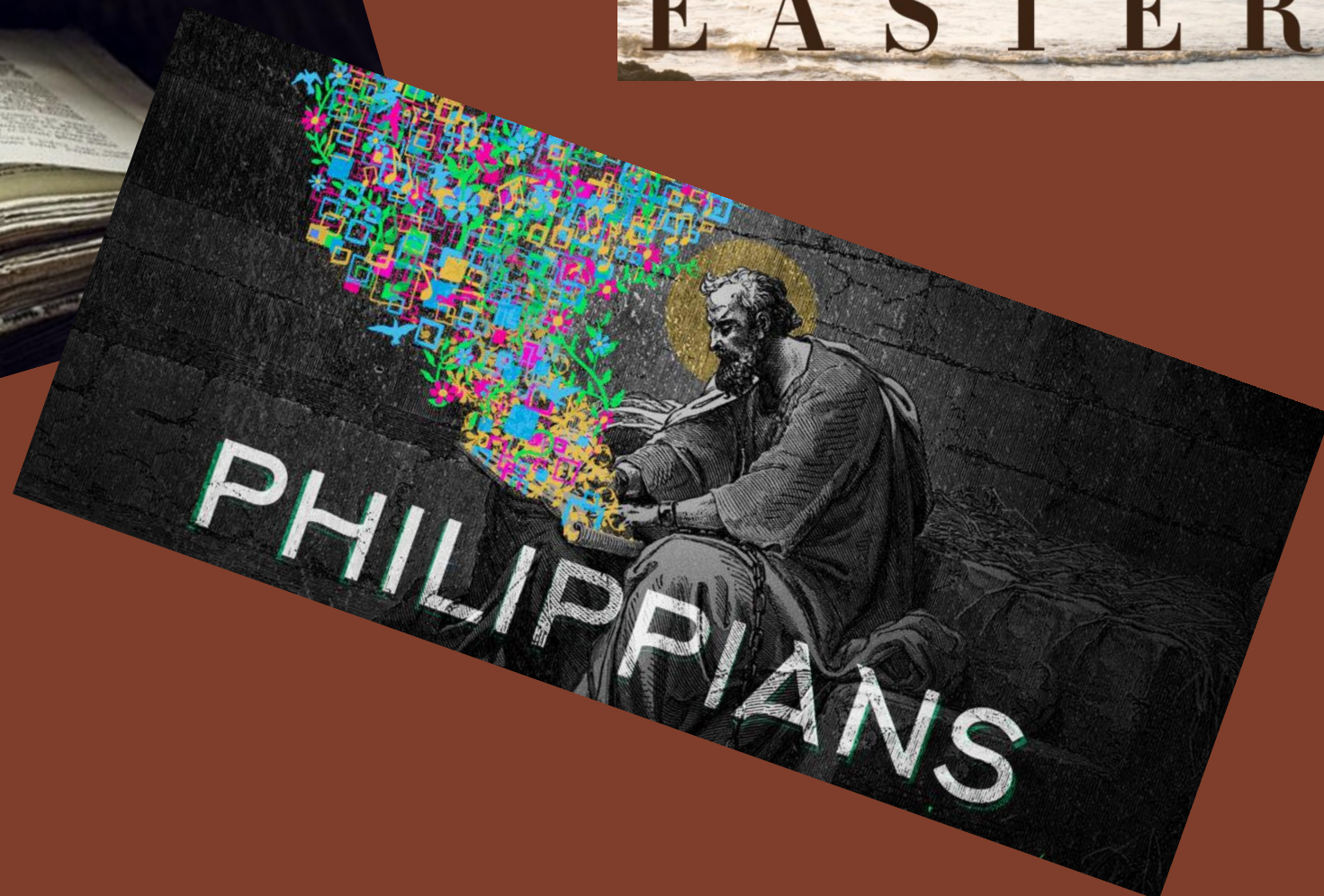
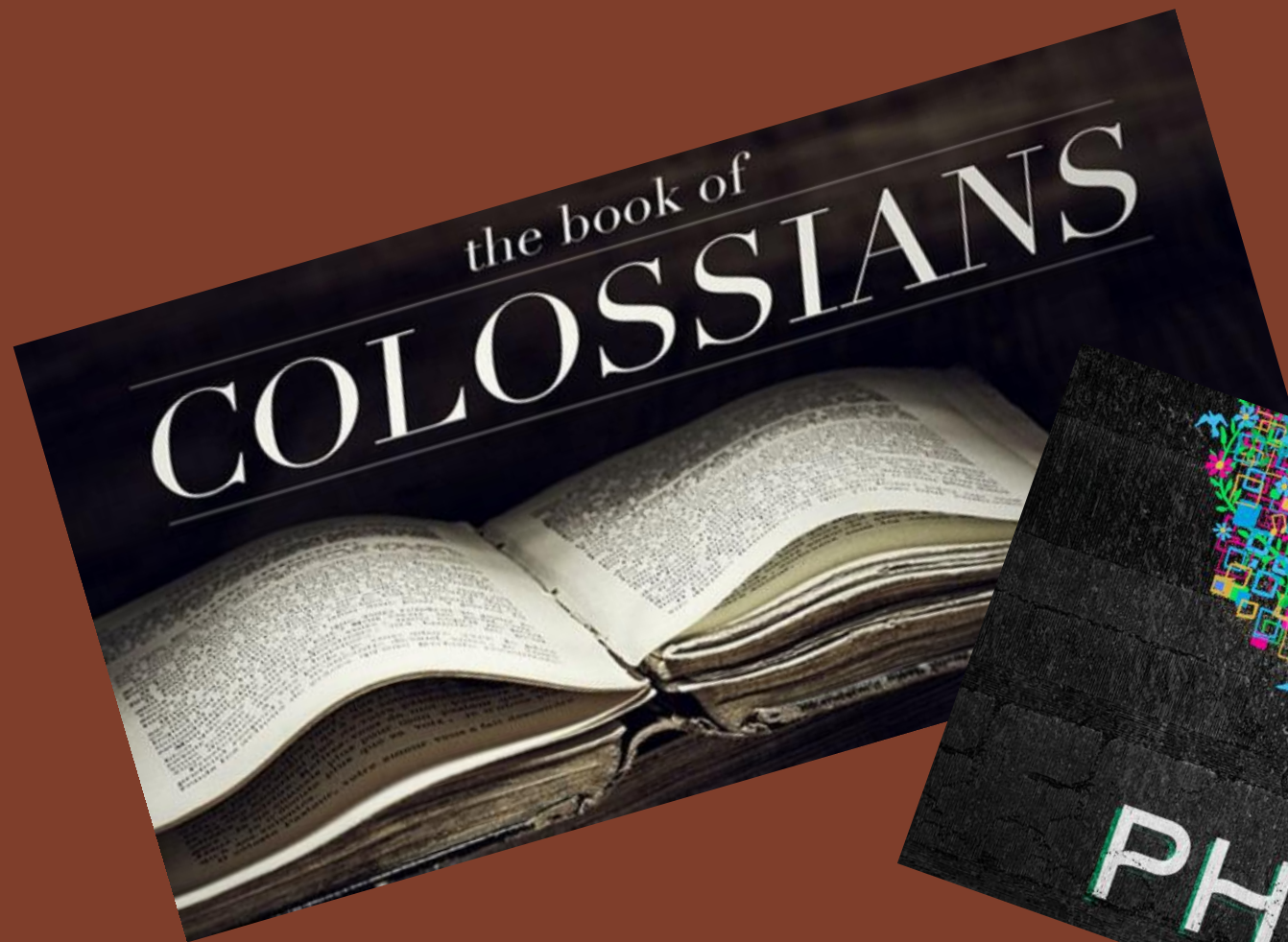


II TIMOTHY



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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 h
revealed

Chapter

4

Fulfill Your Ministry

¹I solemnly charge you before God and Christ Jesus, who is going to judge the living and the dead, and because of his appearing and his kingdom: ²Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; correct, rebuke, and encourage with great patience and teaching.

³For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, will multiply teachers for themselves because they have an itch to hear what they want to hear. ⁴They will turn away from hearing the truth and will turn aside to myths.

⁵But as for you, exercise self-control in everything, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time for my departure is close.

⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸There is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me, but to all those who have loved his appearing.

Final Instructions

**⁹Make every effort to come to me soon,
¹⁰because Demas has deserted me, since
he loved this present world, and has
gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone
to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke
is with me. Bring Mark with you, for he
is useful to me in the ministry.**

¹²I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus.

¹³When you come, bring the cloak I left in Troas with Carpus, as well as the scrolls, especially the parchments.

¹⁴Alexander the coppersmith did great harm to me. The Lord will repay him according to his works. ¹⁵Watch out for him yourself because he strongly opposed our words.

¹⁶At my first defense, no one stood by me, but everyone deserted me. May it not be counted against them.

17But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that I might fully preach the word and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. 18The Lord will rescue me from every evil work and will bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever! Amen.

Final Instructions

¹⁹Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. ²⁰Erastus has remained at Corinth; I left Trophimus sick at Miletus.

¹⁹Make every effort to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, as do Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brothers and sisters.

²²The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you all.



**BREAK IT
DOWN**

Men have usually shown us what lies at the bottom of their heart when they have come to die. Often their last expiring expressions have been indicative of their entire character. Certainly you have before you in the last sentences of Paul's pen a fair epitome of his entire life. He is trusting in the Savior; he is anxious to show his love for that Savior. The welfare of the Christian church and the advancement of the holy cause of the gospel are uppermost in his mind.



Charles Spurgeon

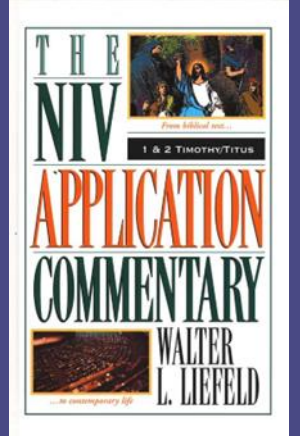
May it be yours and mine to live wholly for Christ, and to die also for him. May this ever be foremost in our thoughts, "How can I advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior? By what means can I bless his church and people?"



Charles Spurgeon

Preach the word: Paul's emphasis on the word of God has been constant. There are some 36 references to the true gospel in this letter and some 17 references to false teachings.

Preachers

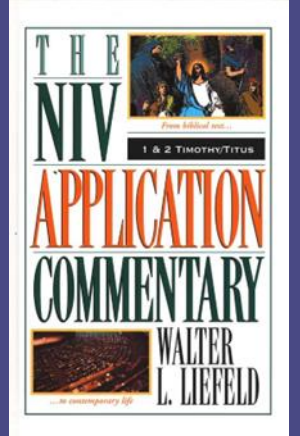


1) Preaching is important and should be given an immense amount of prayer and preparation.

2) Preachers should make sure that they are doing what God intends for them, serving where God wants them and living as God commands them, for their influence for good or ill is enormous.

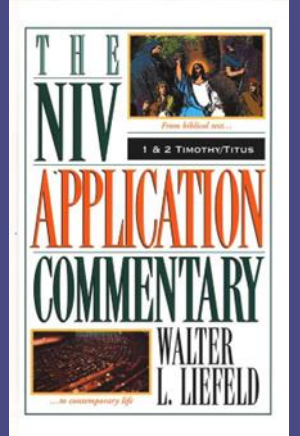
Congregation

3) The congregation should give more of their own time to share in the church's ministries (and perhaps also enlarge the church staff), providing freedom from other time-consuming pastoral tasks that may not be areas of the preacher's giftedness or calling.



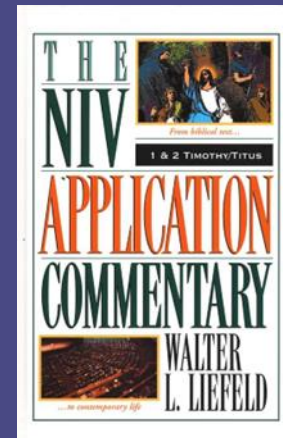
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4) Balancing the above, Christians should recognize the importance of other ministries and not inflate the preachers ego. It is already too easy for the preacher to neglect prayer and people in order to preach a polished sermon.





Walter L. Liefeld *with his wife Olive*



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For the time will come
when people will not
tolerate sound doctrine

V3

- **What about you?**
- **How do you keep this from happening?**

Paul goes on to describe the foolish listeners. He warns Timothy that the day is coming when men will refuse to listen to sound teaching and will collect teachers who will titillate their ears with precisely the easy-going, comfortable things they want to hear.

In Timothy's day it was tragically easy to find such teachers. They were called sophists and wandered from city to city, offering to teach anything for pay.



William Barclay

Isocrates said of them: "They try to attract pupils by low fees and big promises." They were prepared to teach the whole of virtue. They would teach a man to argue subtly and to use words cleverly until he could make the worse appear the better reason. Plato described them savagely: "Hunters after young men of wealth and position, with sham education as their bait, and a fee for their object, making money by a scientific use of quibbles in private conversation, while quite aware that what they are teaching is wrong."



William Barclay

Men in the days of Timothy were beset by false teachers hawking round sham knowledge. Their deliberate policy was to find arguments whereby a man could justify himself for doing what he wanted to do. Any teacher, to this day, whose teaching tends to make men think less of sin is a menace to Christianity and to mankind.



William Barclay

It is possible for many churchgoers to turn aside from the truth and to believe many fables:

- The fable that you must earn your way before God.**
- The fable that God only loves you when you are good.**
- The fable that you should walk around thinking of yourself as better than others because you are a Christian.**




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

V7

- **How are you doing?**
- **What can we do to help?**

**Questions or
comments?**





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