

2 Timothy Chapter 4: Orders for the Last Days; Ready to Love His Appearing

Remember to Lift Up the Lord Jesus Christ

Chapter 3 Review:

I. Make-Believing [False] Teachers: Motives are **Self**

- Imposters have always existed...**opposing the Truth** that saves and forgives
- Imposters **muddy the waters for the Gospel so**...know and test your teachers against the Word...be Noble and help others
- Imposter motives will be self-seeking; Imposters will **target weak-willed sin laden women** and those who do not know their Bible
- Imposters will **first be known as impotent** (unable to deliver what is promised), **then they will be judged** as will their uneducated followers

II. Believing [True] Teachers: Motives are **Self-less**

- Faith, Patience, Love, Perseverance. Persecution. Suffering.

III. Sword of the Spirit: Protected, Taught and Trained

Chapter 4 Introduction:

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2 Timothy Chapter 4: Orders for the Last Days

I. Preach the Word

1 I solemnly 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: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season;

- **Eternal Accountability:** To the Judge and the Coming One
- **Preach the Word**...feel like it or not

2b **reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.**

- **Reprove:** Convey disapproval of [prove again in light of the God's Word]
- **Rebuke** v. 1.To criticize or reprove sharply; reprimand. To check or repress. From the Old North French rebuker : re-, back + *buker, to strike, chop wood [**Prune**]

John 15:2 "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it **so that it may bear more fruit.**

- **Exhort:** To urge by strong, often stirring argument, admonition, advice, or appeal

2 Corinthians 5:20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, **as though God were making an appeal through us**; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

- How?: With **Great Patience and Instruction**
- **Longsuffering:** Attribute of God

3For the time will come when they will **not endure sound doctrine**; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in **accordance to their own desires**, 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. **5But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.**

- Not "put up with" sound doctrine
- **Own desire:** Finding a teaching to match their lusts [myths]
- **But you** "fulfill your ministry"
- Be sober, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist: **Messenger [angel] of Good News**

II. Deathbed Testimony

6For I am already being **poured out** as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. 7 I have **fought the good fight**, I have **finished the course**, I have **kept the faith**; 8in the future there is laid up for me the **crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, **but also to all who have loved His appearing.**

- **Paul's deathbed checklist for loving Jesus' appearing**
 1. **Poured out:** Ready to die; sacrifice
 2. **Fought the Good Fight:** Choose this day!
 3. **Finished the course:** Walked in works prepared by Jesus
 4. **Kept the faith:** To the very end
 5. **Expectant of a Crown:** For Paul **and** those who...love His appearing

III. Last Words

9 Make every effort to come to me soon; 10 for **Demas, having loved this present world**, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. 11

Only Luke is with me.

- Demas started **but did not finish**; he loved this present world...

John 2:15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world If anyone **loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.**

Matthew 19:16 (Read) And someone came to [Jesus] and said, "Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may obtain eternal life?" 17And He said to him, "Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is only One who is good; but if you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments." 18Then he said to Him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER; YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY; YOU SHALL NOT STEAL; YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS; 19 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER; and YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." 20The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept; what am I still lacking?" 21Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." 22But when the young man heard this statement, **he went away grieving**; for he was one who owned much property. 23And Jesus said to His disciples, "Truly I say to you, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 6:24 " No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and **despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.**

11b Pick up Mark and bring him with you, for he is **useful to me for service.**

- Mark went with Paul on a mission but left to go home to mom
- Later, Mark wanted to go on another mission with Paul

Acts 15:36 (Read) After some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brethren in every city in which we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are." 37Barnabas wanted to take John, called Mark, along with them also. 38But **Paul kept insisting that they should not take him along who had deserted** them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. 39 And there occurred such a **sharp disagreement** that they separated from one another, and Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus.

- Now, Paul now says Mark is "useful to him"
- Mark went on to write the Gospel of Mark

12But Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus.13When you come bring the cloak which I left at Troas with Carpus, and the books, especially the parchments. 14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm; the **Lord will repay him according to his deeds.** 15Be on guard against him yourself, for he vigorously opposed our teaching.

- **Alexander:** Handed over to Satan?

1 Timothy 1:20 Among these are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have **handed over to Satan**, so that they will be taught not to blaspheme.

- One who slept with his father's wife...

1 Corinthians 5:9 (Read) I wrote you in my letter **not to associate with immoral people**; 10 I did not at all mean with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters, for then you would have to go out of the world. 11But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any **so-called brother** if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler--**not even to eat with such a one**. 12For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within the church? 13But those who are outside, God judges. **REMOVE THE WICKED MAN FROM AMONG YOURSELVES**.

- **Restoration** to God and man is the goal!

1 Corinthians 5: 5 (Read) I have decided to **deliver such a one to Satan** for the destruction of his flesh, so that his **spirit may be saved** in the day of the Lord Jesus.

16At my first defense **no one supported me, but all deserted me; may it not be counted against them**. 17But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that through me the proclamation might be fully accomplished, and that all the Gentiles might hear; and I was rescued out of the lion's mouth. 18The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom; to Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

- **Forgive them:** Follow me as I follow Christ

Luke 23:24 But Jesus was saying, " **Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing** " And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.

- Previously, Stephen preached the truth to the religious leaders

Acts 7: 54 (Read) Now when they heard this, they were cut to the quick, and they began gnashing their teeth at him. **55But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God; 56and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."** 57But they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears and rushed at him with one impulse. 58When they had driven him out of the city, they began stoning him; and the witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a **young man named Saul**. 59They went on stoning Stephen as he called on the Lord and said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!" 60Then falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, "**Lord, do not hold this sin against them!**" Having said this, he fell asleep.

- Paul never forgot those words

19 Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. 20 Erastus remained at Corinth, but Trophimus I left sick at Miletus. 21 Make every effort to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, also Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brethren.

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

- Personal greeting and exhortations
- Salutation: The Lord be with your spirit, Grace be with you

SUMMARY:

- **Preach the Word in season and out** because Jesus is Judge and He is coming back; Paul was **ready for the Lord to appear**
- Paul's motive's for preaching were for **growth and restoration**
- Paul died **forgiving and forgiven**
- Paul encouraged Timothy and Titus to be ready, and encourage others to be ready, for the Lord to appear

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God has appeared, **bringing salvation** to all men, 12 instructing us to **deny ungodliness and worldly desires** and to **live sensibly, righteously and godly** in the present age, 13 **looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus**, 14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to **purify for Himself** a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds. **15 These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority.**