

The Second Epistle of Paul the Apostle to TIMOTHY

S**OLDIERS** into battle, why are you lying down?

You are vessels unto honor; why are you on the ground?

Purge yourselves of these things; flee lust; and do not entangle yourselves with the affairs of this life.

God knows those who are His, so go onward to the fight.

You soldiers into battle, His word must get around;

Even if captured, His word cannot be bound.

Commit it to faithful men who will pass the baton down.

A soldier into battle, suffering, but you shall share the prize,

For in the end this weary soldier shall also reign with Christ.

2 TIMOTHY 1

¹Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Jesus Christ,

²to Timothy, a dearly beloved son:

Grace, peace and mercy from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience as did my forefathers, that without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day,

⁴desiring greatly to see you, ever mindful of your tears, that I may be filled with joy,

⁵when I remember the genuine faith that is in you, that was first in your grandmother Lois, and in your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is also in you.

⁶Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

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

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me, His prisoner, but rather, partake of the sufferings for the gospel in accordance with the power of God,

⁹who has saved us, and with a holy calling has called us,

not according to works, but according to His own purpose, and according also to grace which was given to us in Jesus Christ before time began,

¹⁰but is now made clear by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

¹¹unto which I am appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher to the Gentiles.

¹²For this purpose I also suffer these things; nevertheless, I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed to Him until that Day.

¹³Hold fast to the spirit of the sound words you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

¹⁴That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Ghost who dwells in us.

¹⁵You know that all those who dwell in Asia have turned away from me, including Hermogenes and Phygellus.

¹⁶The Lord give mercy to the household of Onesiphorus for he refreshed me numerous times, and was not ashamed of my chains;

¹⁷and when he arrived in Rome, he diligently sought me out, and he found me;

¹⁸The Lord grant to him that he may find mercy from the Lord in that Day; and you know very well the many things that he ministered to me at Ephesus.

CWDS Bible Quotes

- 1. We are representatives of Christ, motivated to ministry by the promise of life, mandated by the will of God.*
- 2. Grace, mercy and peace is in the package, but it must be spoken, prophesied, and delivered to everyone whose name is recorded.*
- 3. When you have a mind for intercession the set time for intercession is all the time; praying is like breathing, day and night without ceasing.*
- 4. Effective ministers are full-time intercessors.*
- 5. The height of your spiritual discipline and attainments, twined with the breadth of engaging your family, is the depth of the foundation for your generations to begin their ascent into the heavens and bring heaven to earth. It is your legacy for them to build on.*
- 6. The laying on of hands impart gifts that can either lay dormant or rise dominant in you; it all depends on how vigilant you are to keep the gifts alive and active in you.*
- 7. Not because you are not active means you are not gifted; not because you are not firing means you do not have ammunition; the gifts must be stirred by strident faith, by praying incessantly in the spirit, and by meditation in the word and its consistent use.*
- 8. If it is not given to you by God then by all means get rid of it; He gives all good and perfect gifts; the best gift the devil can give is bondage and death.*
- 9. You receive a gift by accepting it, embracing it, confessing it and using it; remind yourself by constant confession that you are gifted with power, love and a sound mind by God.*

10. *Pride seeks to avoid the price of standing up for the gospel, but there are some who will not be ashamed, willing to share in the suffering of the gospel with those who have sacrificed.*
11. *Our holy calling began in time but was given to us in Christ before time began; the coming of Christ did not initiate the good work of salvation, He simply revealed it.*
12. *Death was defeated, destroyed and abolished at the cross; the gospel conveys the good news of immortality to hearts bound to the law of death.*
13. *To know what you believe gives you confidence, but it gives so much more confidence to believe what you know; when you know who you believe in and His accessibility, ability and willingness you have all confidence.*
14. *You must keep committed to your faith, for Jesus is committed to your keep and will keep the precious life you have committed to Him until He comes again.*
15. *Some things you fast to hold and some things you hold fast to; faith and love are spiritual glues that hold sound words so fast it never lets you go.*
16. *The devil will fight fiercely for every good thing deposited in you or committed to you; the battle will be so hot it is impossible to hold on to them in the flesh. The Holy Spirit in you is your victory key; engage Him.*
17. *Some of your most faithful friends and excited helpers in good times will turn on you and away from you in bad times; keep your eyes on the Lord and remain steadfast; never let those who turn away from you tempt you to turn away from the Lord.*
18. *You can never do an act of kindness, honor or service to any man of God or minister and not be singled out for honor, blessings and goodness, both in heaven and on earth.*

PRAYER POINTS

- Righteous Father, help me to embrace my created purpose in You; I will represent Jesus here on earth. Amen.
- I speak grace, mercy and peace to every member of my family and to my brethren in Christ. Let this be their experience today, Father. Amen.
- Lord Jesus, make me an intercessor; I live to breathe life into others, in the name of Jesus.
- I speak intercession fuelled by love into the hearts and spirits of every minister, in the name of Jesus.
- Power to engage generations in comprehensive ministry, rest with every minister; Father, grant them the power of effective succession. Amen.

**YOU received it, let it flow;
Stir it up, get in the go.
Remember your faith that is sincere,
and the gifts you received by hands laid on you.
For He in whom you have believed, is able indeed to keep
that which you have committed to Him.
Now, you have not received the spirit of fear;
but of power, hope and stability; you are much more than a millionaire.**

2 TIMOTHY 2

¹You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

²The things that you have heard of me among many witnesses, commit to faithful men like yourself who are able to teach others also.

³Endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

⁴No man who is in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, instead he forsakes them that he may please the One who chose him to be a soldier.

⁵And if a man also strive for mastery, he is not crowned except he competes lawfully, according to the rules.

⁶The farmer who labors has the right to be the first partaker of the crops.

⁷Consider what I say to you and may the Lord give you understanding in all things.

⁸Remember that Jesus Christ, who is of the lineage of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel,

⁹for which I suffer trouble (as if I had done some evil) unto persecution and imprisonment, but the word cannot be bound.

¹⁰Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they may obtain the salvation which is in Jesus Christ with eternal glory.

¹¹This is a faithful saying, "If we are dead with Him, we shall also live with Him;

¹²If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He will also deny us.

¹³If we do not believe, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself."

¹⁴Remind them of these things, charging them before the Lord that they do not contend with words to no profit, to destroy those who hear.

¹⁵Study to obtain God's approval, a laborer who does not need to be ashamed, rightly interpreting and applying the word of truth.

¹⁶But shun profane and useless chattering, for they will increase unto more ungodliness;

¹⁷Their words will devour like cancer. Among these are Hymenaeus and Philetus,

¹⁸who have erred greatly concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past, and so overthrowing the faith of some.

¹⁹Nevertheless, the foundation of God stands sure, having this seal: the Lord knows those who are His.

Let everyone who names the name of Jesus depart from iniquity.

²⁰But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay,

some designated for honor and some for dishonor.

²¹Now if a man purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified and fit for the Master's use and prepared for every good work.

²²Flee youthful lusts, but follow righteous-

ness, faith, love and peace with diligence, with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. ²³But avoid foolish and ignorant questions, knowing that they create strife. ²⁴And the servant of the Lord must not fuss, but be gentle to all men, able to teach, patient, ²⁵in meekness instructing those who oppose their own selves, if God will give them repentance so they may acknowledge the truth, ²⁶and that they may deliver themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are now been taken captive by him at his will.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *The grace in Christ may be strong in you but may not be strong for you unless you strengthen yourself in it. You have everything in the Lord Jesus Christ to make you strong.*
2. *The principle of multiplication of Christ is to make deposits in people who will not just bear the fruit, but will bear seed to deposit in others who will multiply fruit and seed also.*
3. *It is beautiful; it is good; it is for your good while you live, but your gift was never meant to leave for good with you when you die.*
4. *It was meant to live with you and in you, but it was never meant to die with you; find others to deposit yourself in today.*
5. *You are soldiers of Christ; your enemy is real and he has an arsenal of hardships and obstacles prepared for you; you may never enjoy the tests, but as good soldiers you must endure them.*
6. *They may blast you but cannot outlast you; when you overcome them it will bless you in the end.*
7. *Warfare is focused attention; distraction is death. Spiritual warfare is no different; because of distraction many are downed, damaged and defeated in the church.*
8. *You will never complete unless you compete according to the rules.*
9. *The rules and convention of competition must be complied with in order to reap the benefits of completion; if you disregard the rules of competition, you rule yourself out of contention for the rules will disqualify you and the competition will discard, not just disregard you.*
10. *The first reward for your hard work of farming or faith belongs in all fairness to you, but you benefit more when the greater benefit is to others and far-reaching.*
11. *Your work is more important than the weight you bear; the people more important than you pain.*
12. *You are not living for yourself, therefore you cannot allow what happens to you to distract or destroy the living word in you and the word for the living that must come through you.*
13. *It may seem evil for the righteous to suffer as evildoers like the wicked, but Jesus was hung up on righteousness and hung up for righteousness between two evildoers.*
14. *You may chain the worker but you cannot chain the work or the word.*
15. *The worker who understands projection, places himself in subjection so that the word may be propelled.*
16. *What we get out of Christ is subject to what we put in to our faith: if we die with Him we live; if we endure, we reign; if we deny Him He will deny us.*
17. *Jesus is consistently true to Himself; our faithlessness does not impact His faithfulness, He cannot deny Himself.*
18. *Increase your expertise in your area of occupation; be the best at what you do. Shine in your knowledge of the word and interpretation or be shamed in your lack of it.*
19. *Diligence creates distinction that compels recognition; study to show yourself approved.*
20. *You do not need to stun babblers or those who speak evil profanities without knowledge; simply shun them.*
21. *It is best for you to just leave drunken babblers; your engagement will only embolden them in their boisterous engagement.*
22. *When you give gainsayers the dignity of engagement they use it as a platform for evangelism of their defiance and delusion.*
23. *God's knowledge is not limited to our baggage; His foundation does not fall with our failure, faults or falling away; He already knows those who are His.*
24. *Refine your game, if you name the name of the Lord; remove yourself from iniquity.*
25. *In a human house the purpose of things determines the position or placement and use; in a spiritual house the cleansing and consecration determines the positioning, honor and use.*
26. *Do not wait to see how near you can get to sin without sinning; see how far you can stay away and how fast you can get away; flee youthful lust. If you live on the fence you have a 50% chance of falling off.*
27. *The effectiveness of what you pursue energizes the effect of what you evade; without pursuit of love, peace, righteousness and purity of heart, lust will pursue you and catch up.*
28. *You could place your haters over a barrel, but a servant of God must never quarrel; you could have a run-in with others, but your patience must never run out.*
29. *Your gentleness, humility and wisdom in engaging will overcome resistance and cause changes.*
30. *The soul of the deviant and argumentative is at stake; while your aptitude for words may not defeat their reasoning; your attitude of love, gentleness and humility will change the atmosphere and encourage repentance and change.*

PRAYER POINTS

- I strengthen myself in the grace of the living God; I confess that He has given me everything I need for my natural and Godly life, in the name of Jesus.
- I thank You Father that the word deposited in the life of believers will motivate them to ministry, and to multiply and reach the world. Amen.
- Holy Spirit, let the power to be fruitful and to multiply by nurturing, training and imparting be the driving force of every gift You have deposited in the earth, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- I rebuke the spirit of selfishness from the hearts of every person with skills that the body needs. I release the power to give freely what You have freely given to them, in Jesus' name. Amen.
- Power to endure hardships as good soldiers and to walk in the overcoming power of Christ, fall upon believers today, in the name of Jesus.

PROFITABLE to me, profitable to me;
All Scriptures are inspired and are prof-

itable to me

That I may be perfect and thoroughly furnished for good deeds.

For when in the last days perilous times come

and I suffer persecutions, as with all the godly in Christ,

I hold to the Scriptures I have known from a child,

for God's word indeed is totally and absolutely profitable to me.

2 TIMOTHY 3

¹This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come:

²for men shall be lovers of themselves, covetous, boasters, proud, disobedient to parents, blasphemers, unthankful, unholy,

³without natural affection, brutal, truce breakers, false accusers, without self control, despisers of the things that are good,

⁴traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God,

⁵having a form of godliness, but denying the power of it; from such people turn away,

⁶For of this sort are such who creep into houses, leading into captivity, silly women laden with sins, led away with various lusts,

⁷always learning, yet never attaining to the knowledge of the truth.

⁸Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, even so these resist the truth:

Men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith;

⁹but they shall proceed no further, for their folly will become obvious to all men, as theirs was.

¹⁰But you have fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, patience,

¹¹persecutions, afflictions, which I experienced at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra, and what persecutions I endured.

But out of them all the Lord delivered me.

¹²And all who will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution,

¹³But evil men and seducers shall regress worse and worse, deceiving and also being deceived.

¹⁴Now continue in the things you have learned and have been assured of,

knowing from whom you have learned them;

¹⁵and that from childhood, you have known the Holy Scriptures,

which are able to make you wise unto salvation through faith which is in Jesus Christ.

¹⁶And all Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, reproof and for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

¹⁷that the man of God may be perfect and fully equipped for every good work.

CWDS Bible Quotes

1. *The peril of the times is not determined by the deterioration of the climate or other natural degeneration in the earth, but the degradation of human hearts.*
2. *The peril of the times is a reflection of the perniciousness of the mind.*
3. *The increase in the wickedness of human hearts and their hostility towards the word of God is not evidence of lasting days but of the last days; it signals we are closing the conclusion and have entered the end.*
4. *The display of corruption and fleshiness in the last days will not be restricted to unbelievers but will be prevalent among believers who will revert to their own definition of godliness and deny and defy the word and its power to save and deliver.*
5. *The power of this gospel rest in the bosom of the Holy Spirit who lives in us; we will never experience the fullness of the power unless we fully engage Him.*
6. *Sexual perversion and immorality is captivity; when Christian men engage in these practices they are leading women into captivity instead of leading them to freedom.*
7. *It is not how much you study that matters, but how much you learn; it is not the knowledge you seek that possesses you, but the knowledge that finds you.*
8. *It is not the word that is studied or received that changes you, but the word that is revealed.*
9. *If your study fills your head but does not impact your heart and your passion, it is just adornment as jewelry and for fashion.*
10. *Truth does not change to suit a lie; if you resist the truth, the truth will rebound and expose you.*
11. *The faithfulness of God in the most frightful of circumstances is the framework of believer's faith and encouragement.*
12. *Speak of all your tests and persecutions to speak of the faithfulness of God who delivered you out of them all.*
13. *Your position of Godliness attracts demonic opposition to the God in you; for everyone who chooses to live godly in Christ will suffer persecution.*
14. *Your deceit is your deception, for there is no one who deceives who is not first deceived by the deceiver and master of deceit.*
15. *It may take some time and patience but it is not a waste of time to teach the Holy Scriptures to your children, for the seed of greatness and the wisdom for salvation is planted in the man as a child.*
16. *The scriptures are authentic; they are good and perfect and they prepare you in every way for every good work.*

PRAYER POINTS

- I speak to the impact of the church in this generation; let the salt in us be savory, in the name of Jesus. Amen.
- I assign fire to every evil force at work to destroy the youth of this generation. Lord Jesus, let our youths live and not die. Amen.
- I stir up a sense of urgency among believers as they relate to their loved ones; let us never sing the tragic song of regrets at funerals that we did not do enough. Amen.
- Let the fire of the living God burn out corruption and every spirit of flesh from within the house of God, in the name of Jesus.
- Holy Spirit, You are my dearest and closest friend

and constant companion; teach me how to magnify You in my life and to engage You fully. Amen.

WHEN my time has come and my days are done

And I look back at life, help me to say, 'I have fought a good fight.

Preaching the word in and out of season with all longsuffering and doctrine.

And when I look ahead and see my head, Knowing I have kept the faith, help me to see there a crown of righteousness.

I have finished my course and unto glory nearing;

Oh, how much I love His appearing!

2 TIMOTHY 4

¹I therefore give you charge, before God and the Lord Jesus Christ who shall judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom:

²Preach the word, be instant in and out of season;

Reprove, rebuke and exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

³For the time shall come that they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own lust, and having itching ears, they will heap to themselves teachers;

⁴and they will turn their ears from the truth to baseless fables.

⁵But be watchful in all things; endure affliction; do the work of an evangelist; make full proof of your ministry.

⁶For I am ready to be offered, the time of my departure is at hand.

⁷I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith.

⁸Henceforth the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not only to me, but to all those who love His appearing.

⁹Be diligent to come to me hastily, ¹⁰for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed unto Thessalonica, Crescens to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

¹¹Only Luke is with me.

Take Mark, therefore, and bring him with you, for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

¹²And I sent Tychicus to Ephesus.

¹³Bring the cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus when you come and also the books, but especially the parchments.

¹⁴Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil, the Lord reward him according to his deeds.

¹⁵Beware of him, for he greatly withstood our words.

¹⁶And at my first defense no one stood with me, but everyone forsook me.

But I pray to God that this may not be laid to their charge.

¹⁷Notwithstanding the Lord, stood with me, and strengthened me also, that by my preaching the message may be fully known, and that all the Gentiles may hear it.

I was also delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

¹⁸And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work,

and He will preserve me unto His heavenly kingdom,

To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen!

¹⁹Salute Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.

²⁰Erastus remained at Corinth but I have left Trophimus sick at Miletus.

²¹Be diligence to come before winter.

Eubulus and Pudens greet you, and Linus and Claudia, and all the brethren.

²²May the Lord Jesus Christ be with your Spirit. Grace be to you! Amen.

CWDS Bible Quotes

- 1. The word you minister is not seasonal; it is consistent and constant in content and character, in and out of season, before small or large groups.*
- 2. Whether the time is right or not, the word in your heart is always ready; the time is always ripe for a word.*
- 3. Itching ears only hears what excites the flesh; it exchanges the truth of the word of God for the desires of the heart.*
- 4. When you teach your teachers to teach you what you desire to hear rather than learn from the word of God the unchangeable truth, you instruct yourself in the ways of destruction.*
- 5. Your ministry can be full and your days filled yet your ministry not fulfilled; focused attention leads to fulfilment and completion.*
- 6. If is not that you fight that matters but how you fight and what you fight; fight the good fight of faith.*
- 7. It is a good feeling to remain faithful to the faith, especially in the midst of all the fire you face.*
- 8. It is not how well you run that matters, but how you finish and that you finish; in fact, your entry is retracted and your run disregarded if your finish is not recorded.*
- 9. The righteousness of God determines His reward. A righteous judge gives a good reward for a good race; you may anticipate the reward based on the race.*
- 10. The race for life rewards participants with crowns of righteousness and stardom in heaven; you shine like the stars.*
- 11. They minister to you in the heights of their strength; never forget or forsake them in the ebb of their strength or the height of their weakness. Your retired ministers are your required ministry.*
- 12. It is easy to be bitter when you do everything to make others better but when you need them most they cannot be bothered or they are just not there, but you are better off not bitter but forgiving.*
- 13. A heart of forgiveness masters the art of forgiveness, especially when you think there ought to be no forgiveness.*

14. *If you have no appointment to man you cannot be disappointed by man; give your service to man but make every appointment and expectation from God.*
15. *Be strong for the Lord and He will be strong for you; stand with the Lord and He will stand for you; give Him your strength and He will be strong for you; purpose to the end for God and He will prop you up and prosper you to the end.*
16. *Their work of evil against you will not work when the Lord is with you and working for you; He will deliver you from every evil work.*
17. *Their pressing will have no progressing when the Lord is blessing you.*
18. *It is good to have the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ with you, but it is glory to have your spirit responding with the fruit of Christ*

PRAYER POINTS

- Loving Father, place consistency into the heart of every believer to study and to share the word, in the name of Jesus.
- Most High God, anoint the hearts of believers to passionately desire the word and anoint their lips to speak the word in their daily conversations. Amen.
- By the power in the blood of Jesus, I assign fire to every itching ear in the body of Christ Amen.
- Merciful Lord, place the humility to hear and accept Your word into the heart of all peoples today. Amen.
- I speak divine fulfillment into the hearts of every laborer in the field of souls; they shall not be frustrated in ministry. Amen.

Hippolytus records that Thomas was an active missionary to India, who preached to the Parthians, Medes, Persians, Hyrcanians, Bactrians and Margians, and was thrust through in the four members of his body with a pine spear at Calamene, the city of India, and was buried there.

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