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**INTRODUCTION**

Last of 13 letters from Paul

End of a long road of suffering 2 Cor 11:23-28

Written while in prison (2:9 & 4:6) and in chains (1:16) during persecution at the time of Nero (AD 64)

Previous imprisonments: Acts16:25, 24:27, Php 1:13 & 4:22, Phm 22-23, 2 Tm 4:13

After Paul’s arrest, he was taken to Rome and imprisoned, not in a house as during his former internment, but probably in the notorious and cold ([2 Tim 4:13, 21](https://www.biblestudytools.com/passage/?q=2+timothy+4:13;+2+timothy+4:21)) Mamertine Prison around the time that Nero started to unleash a horrific wave of persecution against Christians in Rome. During his time in prison, Paul was visited by Onesiphorus ([2 Tim 1:16–17](https://www.biblestudytools.com/passage/?q=2+timothy+1:16-17)), abandoned by many Christians as he faced trial ([2 Tim 4:16](https://www.biblestudytools.com/2-timothy/4-16.html)), deserted by Demas ([2 Tim 4:10](https://www.biblestudytools.com/2-timothy/4-10.html)), but still somehow found a way to write a second letter to Timothy (2 Tim). Paul was aided by the physician Luke, who sought to attend to his needs ([2 Tim 4:11](https://www.biblestudytools.com/2-timothy/4-11.html)).

Wrote to encourage Timothy (4:1-2 & 2:1) & other letters (Eph, Php & Col)

Expect persecution (3:12-13) & Guard the Gospel (1:14)

**REMEMBER**

Remembrance 1:3 (of Timothy in prayers),

Being mindful 1:4 (of the last time they met),

Remembrance 1:4 (of Timothy’s faith)

Remembrance 1:6 (of Timothy’s gift)

Motivation of Timothy: Authority (1:1) Love (1:2), Prayers (1:3), Hope of next meeting and Remembrance of last meeting (1:4).

2Ti 1:1  Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,

Note Paul (since Acts 13:9) speaking with authority of an Apostle and love as a father.

Life in Christ Jesus = Union with Christ (also Col 3:4)

2Ti 1:2  To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

My dearly beloved son – terms of endearment

Grace, Mercy and Peace – Christian with Jewish greetings. Grace – undeserved forgiveness from God. Mercy – God withholding punishment of sinners out of His compassion. Peace – with God and within arising from Grace and Mercy.

2Ti 1:3  I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

Thank God – emphasis on thanking in Greek. “Thanks, I have to God.”

With pure conscience: self-examination faculty. 1 Tim 1;5; 3:9 and contrasted with false teachers’ (4:2).

Serve: G3000 λατρεύω latreuō lat-ryoo'-o From λάτρις latris (a hired menial); to minister (to God), that is, render religious homage, worship, service.

Forefathers: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Isaiah, Daniel, including other Apostles etc

2Ti 1:4  Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;

Being mindful: Remember (ESV), Recall (NASB)

Greatly desiring: G1971 ἐπιποθέω epipotheō ep-ee-poth-eh'-o From G1909 and ποθέω potheō (to yearn); to dote upon, that is, intensely crave possession (lawfully or wrongfully): - (earnestly) desire (greatly), (greatly) long (after).

Greatly desiring to see thee = I miss you. (4:9, 13, 21)

2Ti 1:5  When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

Unfeigned: G505 ἀνυπόκριτος anupokritos an-oo-pok'-ree-tos From G1 (as a negative particle) and a presumed derivative of G5271; undissembled, that is, sincere (ESV & NASB): - without dissimulation (hypocrisy), unfeigned.

2Ti 1:6  Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

That thou stir up: rekindle

Gift: Charisma (1 Cor 12:7 &11; Rom 12:3), divine gift (Power, Love and Sound Mind)

2Ti 1:7  For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Fear: timidity

Power: dunamis. Love: Agape.

Sound mind: G4995 σωφρονισμός sōphronismos so-fron-is-mos' From G4994; discipline, that is, self control: - sound mind.

**BE NOT ASHAMED**

Ashamed (1:8 Testimony of the Lord), 1:12 (of Paul’s appointment), 1:16 (of my chain)

2Ti 1:8  Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

Ashamed of the testimony of our Lord: Matt 10:32-33; 26:34

His prisoner: not prisoner of Nero

Be thou partaker of the afflictions: share with me in the suffering (ESV), join with me in suffering (NASB)

2Ti 1:9  Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

Calling: Effectual call to salvation

Grace: not our works

2Ti 1:10  But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

Appearing: G2015 ἐπιφάνεια epiphaneia ep-if-an'-i-ah From G2016; a manifestation, that is, (specifically) the advent of Christ (past or future): - appearing, brightness. 1 Tim 6:14, 2 Tim 4:1 & 8; Tit 2:13. 1 Cor 15:1, 3-4.

2Ti 1:11  Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

Appointed: Divine appointment Col 1:23.

Preacher (function), Apostle (authority) & Teacher (of the Word of God)

2Ti 1:12  For the which cause 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 unto him against that day.

For the which cause I also suffer: suffering for these things (Gospel)

For I know: whom and not what. Personal experience and observation.

Persuaded: G3982 πείθω peithō pi'-tho A primary verb; to convince (by argument, true or false); by analogy to pacify or conciliate (by other fair means); reflexively or passively to assent (to evidence or authority), to rely (by inward certainty): - agree, assure, believe, have confidence, be (wax) content, make friend, obey, persuade, trust, yield.

Keep: G5442 φυλάσσω phulassō foo-las'-so Probably from G5443 through the idea of isolation; to watch, that is, be on guard (literally or figuratively); by implication to preserve. obey, avoid: - beware, keep (self), observe, save. 1 Tim 6:20

2Ti 1:13  Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

Sound words: Doctrine

2Ti 1:14  That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.

That good thing: Kalos. Beautiful, good (literally or morally), valuable, virtuous, worthy.

Which was committed unto thee: G3872 παρακαταθήκη parakatathēkē par-ak-at-ath-ay'-kay From a compound of G3844 and G2698; something put down alongside, that is, a deposit (sacred trust): - that (thing) which is committed (un-) to (trust).

Keep: by the Holy Ghost

2Ti 1:15  This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia be turned away from me; of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.

Thou knowest: undisputed knowledge. Not speculations. 2 Groups Church members described,

Turned away or turned back. Defectors in Asia.

2Ti 1:16  The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain:

Oft refreshed me:  雪中送炭

2Ti 1:17  But, when he was in Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found me.

2Ti 1:18  The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day: and in how many things he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well.

**CONCLUSION** – Remember and Be Not Ashamed.