

Repeated Words, Themes, and Ideas

1. Jesus, what Paul is asking Timothy to do is deadly serious, so he commissions him in front of God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead, 4:1. Paul is certain that Jesus, the righteous Judge, will reward him with a crown of righteousness for his faithfulness and not only Paul but all who long for Jesus' return, 4:7-8. Paul asks the Lord to repay Alexander the coppersmith according to the damage he inflicted on Paul, 4:14. Though all forsook Paul at his first trial, he asks the Lord not to hold it against them, 4:16. Though all forsook Paul at his first trial, the Lord stood by him and enabled him to face his trial and to fully preach the Gospel so that every Gentile present and beyond would hear it, 4:16-17. The Lord spared Paul's life at his first trial, 4:17. Paul knows that the Lord will deliver him from every wicked thing, including death; he's certain that he will live again in the Lord's Kingdom, 4:18. Paul closes the letter with his desire to see Timothy sense and feel Jesus' presence, 4:22 (other places this appears: 1:1, 2, 8, 9, 9-10, 10-12, 13; 2:1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 14, 19, 22, 24-25; 3:11, 12, 15).
2. Word/Truth, Timothy must be ready to preach God's Word whether people like it or not; he must be ready to strongly correct, rebuke, and encourage with God's Word, 4:2. There will come a time when people will not endure God's sound teaching; instead of God's Truth, they will want their itching desires scratched by fables, 4:3-4. The Lord stood by Paul and enabled him to fully preach His Gospel message, 4:17 (other places this appears: 1:8, 10-12, 13; 2:8-9, 15, 17-18, 25; 3:6-7, 8, 15, 16-17).
3. God, Paul's charge to Timothy is serious; it's happening in God's presence, 4:1 (other places this appears: 1:1, 2, 3-5, 6, 7, 7-8, 9; 2:8-9, 15, 14-19, 24-26; 3:4, 16, 16-17).
4. Living by and spreading what Jesus said, His Goodnews, Timothy must always be ready to spread the Lord's Goodnews, to correct, rebuke, and encourage with His Word, 4:2. (other places this appears: 1:1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 10-11, 12, 15-18; 2:2, 8-9, 19, 24-26; 3:14-15, 16-17).
5. Jesus owns life and controls death, Paul knows that his life will end at the hands of the Romans but he also knows that the Lord will deliver him from such death; he knows that he will live again in the Lord's Kingdom, 4:6, 18 (other places this appears: 1:1, 9-10; 2:8, 11, 24-26; 3:11).
6. Suffer/Endure, Paul is urging Timothy to endure hardship, 4:5. Paul is confident that the Lord will enable him to endure every wicked thing that he has to face before his death; he knows that the Lord will preserve him for His heavenly Kingdom, 4:18 (other places this appears: 1:7-8, 10-12; 2:1, 3-4, 5, 6, 8-9, 10, 12, 15-16; 3:10-11, 12).
7. Endurance/Reward, Paul knows that he has endured the trials and afflictions of his ministry: he has fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith, which is why he's certain that the Lord will reward him with a crown of righteousness, and not only him but everyone else who eagerly anticipates Jesus' return, 4:7-8 (other places this appears: 1:16-18; 2:3-6, 8, 8-9 and 12, 10 and 12, 12, 14-18 and 20-26).

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8. Living by and/or spreading Satan's lies, his Badnews, Demas is now living by Satan's lies; he's abandoned Paul, having chosen to pursue the wicked ways of the world, 4:10. Alexander the coppersmith did Paul much harm, so he asks the Lord to repay him accordingly, 4:14. At Paul's first trial, no one stood by him, all forsook him but he asks the Lord not to hold it against them, 4:16 (other places this appears: 1:6-14, 15; 2:13, 14, 16, 17-18, 23-26; 3:2-7, 8-9, 13).
9. God's Power and Love...is ours, though everyone forsook Paul at his first trial, God's love enabled him to forgive and even ask the Lord not to charge it against them. The Lord also empowered Paul to preach the Gospel message during his trial so that every Gentile would hear. Paul was also certain that the Lord would empower him to overcome every evil thing left to face before his death; in fact, he knew that the Lord would deliver him from death, that he would live once again in the Lord's Kingdom, 4:16-18 (other places this appears: 1:7, 6-8, 13, 7 and 14; 3:10-11).