

when it treads out the grain.”^g And, “The laborer is worthy of his wages.”^h

^{5:19}Don’t receive an accusation against an elder, except at the word of two or three witnesses. ^{5:20}Those who sin, reprove in the sight of all, that the rest also may be in fear. ^{5:21}I command you in the sight of God, and Christ Jesus, and the chosen angels, that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing by partiality. ^{5:22}Lay hands hastily on no one, neither be a participant in other men’s sins. Keep yourself pure. ^{5:23}Be no longer a drinker of water only, but use a little wine for your stomach’s sake and your frequent infirmities.

^{5:24}Some men’s sins are evident, preceding them to judgment, and some also follow later. ^{5:25}In the same way also there are good works that are obvious, and those that are otherwise can’t be hidden.

^{6:1}Let as many as are bondservants under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, that the name of God and the doctrine not be blasphemed. ^{6:2}Those who have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brothers, but rather let them serve them, because those who partake of the benefit are believing and beloved. Teach and exhort these things.

^{6:3}If anyone teaches a different doctrine, and doesn’t consent to sound words, the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness, ^{6:4}he is conceited, knowing nothing, but obsessed with arguments, disputes, and word battles, from which come envy, strife, insulting, evil suspicions, ^{6:5}constant friction of people of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. Withdraw yourself from such.ⁱ

^{6:6}But godliness with contentment is great gain. ^{6:7}For we brought nothing into the world, and we certainly can’t carry anything out. ^{6:8}But having food and clothing, we will be content with that. ^{6:9}But those who are determined to be rich fall into a temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful lusts, such as drown men in ruin and destruction. ^{6:10}For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some have been led astray from the faith in their greed, and have pierced themselves

through with many sorrows.

^{6:11}But you, man of God, flee these things, and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. ^{6:12}Fight the good fight of faith. Lay hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you confessed the good confession in the sight of many witnesses. ^{6:13}I command you before God, who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate testified the good confession, ^{6:14}that you keep the commandment without spot, blameless, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ; ^{6:15}which in its own times he will show, who is the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; ^{6:16}who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light; whom no man has seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and eternal power. Amen.

^{6:17}Charge those who are rich in this present world that they not be haughty, nor have their hope set on the uncertainty of riches, but on the living God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy; ^{6:18}that they do good, that they be rich in good works, that they be ready to distribute, willing to communicate; ^{6:19}laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold of eternal life.

^{6:20}Timothy, guard that which is committed to you, turning away from the empty chatter and oppositions of the knowledge which is falsely so called; ^{6:21}which some professing have erred concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.

Paul’s Second Letter to Timothy

^{1:1}Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, according to the promise of the life which is in Christ Jesus, ^{1:2}to Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

^{1:3}I thank God, whom I serve as my forefathers did, with a pure conscience. How unceasing is my memory of you in my petitions, night and day ^{1:4}longing to see you, remembering your tears, that I may be filled with

^h5:18 Luke 10:7; Leviticus 19:13

ⁱ6:5 NU omits “Withdraw yourself from such.”

joy; ^{1:5}having been reminded of the sincere faith that is in you; which lived first in your grandmother Lois, and your mother Eunice, and, I am persuaded, in you also.

^{1:6}For this cause, I remind you that you should stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ^{1:7}For God didn't give us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control. ^{1:8}Therefore don't be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner; but endure hardship for the Good News according to the power of God, ^{1:9}who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before times eternal, ^{1:10}but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the Good News. ^{1:11}For this, I was appointed as a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. ^{1:12}For this cause I also suffer these things.

Yet I am not ashamed, for I know him whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to guard that which I have committed to him against that day.

^{1:13}Hold the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. ^{1:14}That good thing which was committed to you, guard through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.

^{1:15}This you know, that all who are in Asia turned away from me; of whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes. ^{1:16}May the Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain, ^{1:17}but when he was in Rome, he sought me diligently, and found me ^{1:18}(the Lord grant to him to find the Lord's mercy in that day); and in how many things he served at Ephesus, you know very well.

^{2:1}You therefore, my child, be strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ^{2:2}The things which you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit the same to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. ^{2:3}You therefore must endure hardship, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ^{2:4}No soldier on duty entangles himself in the affairs of life, that he

may please him who enrolled him as a soldier. ^{2:5}Also, if anyone competes in athletics, he isn't crowned unless he has competed by the rules. ^{2:6}The farmers who labor must be the first to get a share of the crops. ^{2:7}Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things.

^{2:8}Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, of the seed of David, according to my Good News, ^{2:9}in which I suffer hardship to the point of chains as a criminal. But God's word isn't chained. ^{2:10}Therefore I endure all things for the chosen ones' sake, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ^{2:11}This saying is faithful:

"For if we died with him,
we will also live with him.

^{2:12}If we endure,
we will also reign with him.

If we deny him,
he also will deny us.

^{2:13}If we are faithless,
he remains faithful.

He can't deny himself."

^{2:14}Remind them of these things, charging them in the sight of the Lord, that they don't argue about words, to no profit, to the subverting of those who hear.

^{2:15}Give diligence to present yourself approved by God, a workman who doesn't need to be ashamed, properly handling the Word of Truth. ^{2:16}But shun empty chatter, for they will proceed further in ungodliness, ^{2:17}and their word will consume like gangrene, of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; ^{2:18}men who have erred concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past, and overthrowing the faith of some. ^{2:19}However God's firm foundation stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are his,"^a and, "Let every one who names the name of the Lord^b depart from unrighteousness." ^{2:20}Now in a large house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of clay. Some are for honor, and some for dishonor. ^{2:21}If anyone therefore purges himself from these, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, and suitable for the master's use, prepared for every good work.

^{2:22}Flee from youthful lusts; but pursue

^a2:19 Numbers 16:5

^b2:19 TR reads "Christ" instead of "the Lord"

righteousness, faith, love, and peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. ^{2:23}But refuse foolish and ignorant questionings, knowing that they generate strife. ^{2:24}The Lord's servant must not quarrel, but be gentle towards all, able to teach, patient, ^{2:25}in gentleness correcting those who oppose him: perhaps God may give them repentance leading to a full knowledge of the truth, ^{2:26}and they may recover themselves out of the devil's snare, having been taken captive by him to his will.

^{3:1}But know this, that in the last days, grievous times will come. ^{3:2}For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ^{3:3}without natural affection, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, no lovers of good, ^{3:4}traitors, headstrong, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; ^{3:5}holding a form of godliness, but having denied its power. Turn away from these, also. ^{3:6}For some of these are people who creep into houses, and take captive gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, ^{3:7}always learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. ^{3:8}Even as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so do these also oppose the truth; men corrupted in mind, who concerning the faith, are rejected. ^{3:9}But they will proceed no further. For their folly will be evident to all men, as theirs also came to be. ^{3:10}But you did follow my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, steadfastness, ^{3:11}persecutions, and sufferings: those things that happened to me at Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. I endured those persecutions. Out of them all the Lord delivered me. ^{3:12}Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. ^{3:13}But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. ^{3:14}But you remain in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them. ^{3:15}From infancy, you have known the holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith, which is in Christ Jesus. ^{3:16}Every Scripture is God-breathed and^c profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness, ^{3:17}that the man of God may be

complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

^{4:1}I command you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at his appearing and his Kingdom: ^{4:2}preach the word; be urgent in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with all patience and teaching. ^{4:3}For the time will come when they will not listen to the sound doctrine, but, having itching ears, will heap up for themselves teachers after their own lusts; ^{4:4}and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside to fables. ^{4:5}But you be sober in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, and fulfill your ministry.

^{4:6}For I am already being offered, and the time of my departure has come. ^{4:7}I have fought the good fight. I have finished the course. I have kept the faith. ^{4:8}From now on, there is stored up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day; and not to me only, but also to all those who have loved his appearing. ^{4:9}Be diligent to come to me soon, ^{4:10}for Demas left me, having loved this present world, and went to Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. ^{4:11}Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for service. ^{4:12}But I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ^{4:13}Bring the cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus when you come, and the books, especially the parchments. ^{4:14}Alexander, the coppersmith, did much evil to me. The Lord will repay him according to his works, ^{4:15}of whom you also must beware; for he greatly opposed our words.

^{4:16}At my first defense, no one came to help me, but all left me. May it not be held against them. ^{4:17}But the Lord stood by me, and strengthened me, that through me the message might be fully proclaimed, and that all the Gentiles might hear; and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. ^{4:18}And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me for his heavenly Kingdom; to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

^{4:19}Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the house of Onesiphorus. ^{4:20}Erastus remained at Corinth, but I left Trophimus at Miletus sick. ^{4:21}Be diligent to come before winter. Eubulus salutes

^c3:16 or, Every writing inspired by God is

you, as do Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brothers. ^{4:22}The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.

Paul's Letter to Titus

^{1:1}Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's chosen ones, and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness, ^{1:2}in hope of eternal life, which God, who can't lie, promised before time began; ^{1:3}but in his own time revealed his word in the message with which I was entrusted according to the commandment of God our Savior; ^{1:4}to Titus, my true child according to a common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.

^{1:5}I left you in Crete for this reason, that you would set in order the things that were lacking, and appoint elders in every city, as I directed you; ^{1:6}if anyone is blameless, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, who are not accused of loose or unruly behavior. ^{1:7}For the overseer must be blameless, as God's steward; not self-pleasing, not easily angered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for dishonest gain; ^{1:8}but given to hospitality, a lover of good, sober minded, fair, holy, self-controlled; ^{1:9}holding to the faithful word which is according to the teaching, that he may be able to exhort in the sound doctrine, and to convict those who contradict him. ^{1:10}For there are also many unruly men, vain talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, ^{1:11}whose mouths must be stopped; men who overthrow whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for dishonest gain's sake. ^{1:12}One of them, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, and idle gluttons." ^{1:13}This testimony is true. For this cause, reprove them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, ^{1:14}not paying attention to Jewish fables and commandments of men who turn away from the truth. ^{1:15}To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their mind and their conscience are defiled. ^{1:16}They profess that they know God, but by their works they deny him, being abominable, disobedient, and unfit for any good work.

^{2:1}But say the things which fit sound doctrine, ^{2:2}that older men should be temperate, sensible, sober minded, sound in faith, in love, and in patience: ^{2:3}and that older women likewise be reverent in behavior, not slanderers nor enslaved to much wine, teachers of that which is good; ^{2:4}that they may train the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ^{2:5}to be sober minded, chaste, workers at home, kind, being in subjection to their own husbands, that God's word may not be blasphemed. ^{2:6}Likewise, exhort the younger men to be sober minded; ^{2:7}in all things showing yourself an example of good works; in your teaching showing integrity, seriousness, incorruptibility, ^{2:8}and soundness of speech that can't be condemned; that he who opposes you may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say about us. ^{2:9}Exhort servants to be in subjection to their own masters, and to be well-pleasing in all things; not contradicting; ^{2:10}not stealing, but showing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God, our Savior, in all things. ^{2:11}For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, ^{2:12}instructing us to the intent that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we would live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world; ^{2:13}looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ; ^{2:14}who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify for himself a people for his own possession, zealous for good works. ^{2:15}Say these things and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no man despise you.

^{3:1}Remind them to be in subjection to rulers and to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, ^{3:2}to speak evil of no one, not to be contentious, to be gentle, showing all humility toward all men. ^{3:3}For we were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. ^{3:4}But when the kindness of God our Savior and his love toward mankind appeared, ^{3:5}not by works of righteousness, which we did ourselves, but according to his mercy, he saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, ^{3:6}whom he poured out on us richly, through Jesus Christ our Savior; ^{3:7}that, being justified by his grace,