

# 2 Timothy

## CHAPTER 4:17-22

### Lesson 23

We have arrived at the very last recorded words of Paul. As we reflect upon his attitude, may we glean from his example.

#### Read 2 Timothy 4:17-22

1. Read through this week's verses using at least two Bible translations or paraphrases.  
After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they are about?
2. The contrasting word, *but*, is used two times in these six verses. Choose one instance of its use and record what is being contrasted.
4. Scan through the verses that mention the Lord, Jesus. Make a list of what Paul wrote about Him.

## Read 2 Timothy 4:17

1. 2 Timothy 4:17 contains a wonderful contrast. Our last lesson ended with the words, *no one stood with me, but all forsook me*. Define the word *forsook* using:

synonyms

antonyms

2. We have all experienced the feeling of being alone at some time in our lives. Rejoice as you write the first phrase of 2 Timothy 4:17.

- a. Often, the feeling of being forsaken worsens as we dwell upon it. What is the feeling that often results as you dwell upon the truth of this first phrase of verse 17?

- b. *The Lord stood with me*. Bask in the wonderful promise of God's continued presence as you record the following verses:

Isaiah 41:10

Jeremiah 1:8

Matthew 28:20

- 1.) Why is it important to know the heart and character of God to appreciate His never-ending presence?

- c. *... and strengthened me*. Now bask in the fact that God's *strengthens* you in your times of weakness and frailties as you record these verses:

Isaiah 40:29

Psalm 29:11

2 Corinthians 12:9

Philippians 4:13

- 1.) In what ways have you personally experienced His *strength*?
3. Notice Paul's goal in 2 Timothy 4:17. What was it?
  - a. What does Philippians 1:12-14 say that reflects Paul's continuous purpose in life?
  - b. How does our purpose affect our perspective?
4. ... *and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion*. Paul had experienced God's deliverance many times. He knew God was able. Yet, he was not expecting that kind of deliverance this time. Share a few of your thoughts as you reflect upon this.

**Read 2 Timothy 4:18**

1. 2 Timothy 4:18 continues the thought of the end of verse 17. What did Paul boldly declare?
  - a. Reflect upon the words of Psalm 121:7 as you write them.
  - b. Record Jesus' prayer in John 17:15.

c. Add these two verses to amplify Paul's statement that *the Lord will deliver him from every evil work*.

Colossians 1:13

2 Thessalonians 3:3

1.) The Lord, in His grace, *delivers* us from many *evil works*. Using these verses in question #1, explain the *evil* that God promises to *deliver* every believer from.

2. What is Paul's second declaration in 2 Timothy 4:18?

a. Rejoice as you write in the promises of the following verses:

James 2:5

1 Peter 1:5

1.) Summarize the assurance of these glorious promises.

## Read 2 Timothy 4:19-21

1. Paul mentioned several people in these three verses. Some are mentioned in other portions of Scripture. Some are not. Using the verses referenced, what can we learn about these people?

Prisca (Priscilla) and Aquila - Romans 16:3,4

Onesiphorus - 2 Timothy 1:16-18

Erastus - Romans 16:23

Trophimus - Acts 21:29

2. What did Paul say about Trophimus in 2 Timothy 4:20?
  - a. Philippians 2:25-26 records the time that *Epaphroditus* was *sick*. What was Paul's concern?
  - b. What did you learn from these verses about expectations that God always *heals* the sick?
3. 2 Timothy 4:21 begins with Paul's request regarding Timothy's visit. Record what Paul wrote to Timothy in each of the following verses:

2 Timothy 1:4

2 Timothy 4:9

2 Timothy 4:13

2 Timothy 4:21

- a. Summarize what you think Paul was feeling.

### **Read 2 Timothy 4:22**

1. We have arrived at the very last written words of the apostle Paul. As you reflect upon the last words of a man confined to prison, his death impending, what are your thoughts?

### **Review 2 Timothy 4:17-22**

1. How will you apply the example of Paul in his loneliness when you are feeling alone or let down by others?
2. As you reflect upon the book of 2 Timothy, what are some passages or thoughts that ministered to you?
3. How are you different because of studying 2 Timothy?

*...to Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!*  
- 2 Timothy 4:18