

2 TIMOTHY CHAPTER 3 – “Perilous Times and Perilous Men; The Man of God and the Word of God!”

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Outline of 2 Timothy

Key Themes

- I. **Suffering is part of the Christian experience** (1:8, 12; 2:3, 9; 3:11–12; 4:5, 14–18).
- II. **The Christian response to suffering is steady faith by God’s power** (1:8; 2:1, 11–13; 4:1–8).
- III. **The gospel is the basis for the Christian’s endurance** (1:9–11; 2:8–10).
- IV. **The Scriptures have power to save and to preserve** (2:15; 3:15–17; 4:1–2).
- V. **True believers will continue in the faith. Failure to do so proves one is not truly converted** (2:11–13, 19; 3:14; 4:7, 10).
- VI. **False teaching is deadly and must be dealt with firmly** (2:16–18, 23–26; 3:1–9; 4:3–5).

2 Timothy – Paul’s Swan Song – His Last Will and Testament – Filled with Emotion – Written from a cold, dark dungeon, awaiting his execution.

BE REMINDED!

2Pe 1:10- 15 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; [11] for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. [12] For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. [13] Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, [14] knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. [15] Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.

2Ti 2:24-26 And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, [25] in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, [26] and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

Walter Martin Visits the Jehovah’s Witness Headquarters

There is a story of Walter Martin, the “Bible Answer Man”.

Before he began his ministry as the Bible Answer Man, he was unknown to the cults and non- Christian religions, though he had an idea of the ministry he was going into.

He thought he would visit the Watchtower Organization, the Jehovah’s Witness headquarters in Brooklyn, New York before he got started in his ministry, because once he began a public ministry, he knew that the likelihood of him getting a tour of the place was going to be fairly remote. So, he went in there and they gave him a tour of the whole place and everything and before he leaves, this is his heart for those people who are caught in error!

As he is leaving the place, there was a guy that’s sitting at the front desk, Mr. Martin asked him, If I could show you in the Bible, where Jesus declares Himself to be God, would you believe that He is God?

The Jehovah Witnesses don’t believe that Jesus is God. They believe He is an angel, which is incorrect. The guy said, well, it’s not in the Bible and Walter Martin, the bulldog that he was, a pit bull really, repeated the question and said, If I could show you in the Bible, would you believe it? The man at the desk, said, well, it’s not in the Bible. If I could show you in the Bible, would you believe it? Well, it’s not in the Bible, but I guess if you showed me in the Bible, I would believe.

Mr. Martin turns him to Revelation Chapter 1 and he quotes Jesus, as He describes Himself there ***“I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, and the First and the Last, saith the Lord”*** Walter Martin, before he leaves, he might have been working on gentleness a little bit too, but he’s pounding on the desk. ***“I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End”!*** ***I am Alpha and Omega***, which is the name for God. He pounds and pounds on the desk and he’s done and he walks out.

Many years later as he was conducting meetings around the United States, as he did in his ministry, a guy stood up in the course of the meeting. Walter Martin would never turn the meeting over. You could ask a question, but you didn’t get to hijack the meeting and say what you wanted. But the guy stood up and he told the story. I am the man who sat at that desk. This was about 25 years later. And he said, I went home that night. When I tried to go to sleep, he said, like thunder in my mind was, ***I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End***. He got on his knees that night and he received the Lord and began a ministry to reach Jehovah’s Witnesses!

But that the Lord’s deal. Only the Lord can do that kind of thing! We trust Him, ***if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.***

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INTERPRETATION

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Godlessness in the Last Days

2Ti 3:1 *But know (and continue to know) this, that in the last days perilous (fierce) times will come:*

2Ti 3:2 *For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,*

v. 1 To a generation who sees: False compromised religion; powerless Christianity; evil men waxing worse and worse; who see ancient land marks removed! Where good is called evil and evil is called good; a nations whose morality is confused! ***In the last days perilous times will come:*** The word translated *perilous* has the idea of troubles, difficulty, and stressful situations. This sort of atmosphere will mark the *last days*. The characteristics Paul will describe speak **not of bad times, but of bad people.** ***In the last days:*** A broad term in the New Testament, broad enough to where one could say that **the last days** began with the birth of the Church on the Day of Pentecost. The days of the Messiah mark **the last days**; yet the term is especially appropriate to the season immediately before the return of Jesus and the consummation of all things. In Mat 16:1-4, Jesus rebuked the religious leaders of His day because they did not or would not understand the meaning of their times: *Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times (Mat 16:3).* It is possible that Jesus would have the same rebuke for some Christians today who are unaware of the *last days* and the soon return of Jesus Christ.

v. 2 Paul begins to describe the social and the moral characteristics of the world in the last days, not just the characteristics of those in rebellion in the last days, but even those which professes Christianity will be marked by these things. In fact some of these things will even be nurtured in the believing bodies. He begins with, ***For men will be lovers of themselves***. In all life’s decisions, there will be an increasingly unwillingness to sacrifice ones self for the health and betterment for the larger whole! Any nation is in trouble whose people focus only on and elevate themselves and do not do what’s good for the larger whole! Earlier this characteristic would have been as a serious character flows and looked down upon – selfish and conceited. But now that has flipped around, nurtured and praised! Some practice self love as the “third” commandment, which is a recipe for misery.! Selfism. Getting myself on a track I can never get off of! Being self absorbed has infiltrated into the church!
lovers of money - Previously known as greedy, but nobody is called “greedy” anymore, where the most important thing in life is money! Money is the single most important thing. When the choice is made between following the God’s calling and money, the choice for money is always made! How many families, how many children are lost to the worship of making money! ***boasters*** We used to the word, braggart, which was considered a bad thing. Now we, more encouragingly, call it “self confident”! We have our own exaggeration of self important. “Evangelastic” – stretching the truth! – 40 people got saved. We boast that scores of people got saved! Exaggerating. ***proud*** That used to be a derogatory thing, to be known as “proud”! Now it isn’t! “I’m really proud of myself. I’m proud of what I did!” And we say, yes, that’s good! Go for it! That’s nurtured – yeah, nobody’s better than you! If you have great ability, who gave you that ability? Given by God. Not to be taken as being personally of proud of it! ***blasphemers***, Abusive speech in the last day. A few decades ago, no man would ever cuss in front of women and children! It just wasn’t tolerated! Now there is so much filthy language in the movies, on television and radio! Even used by political leaders so much! ***disobedient to parents***, Rebellion will become a characteristic of the youth! Much of our culture and society encourages the disobedience. In the Old Testament, God’s heart to disobedience to parents was clearly shown. There was not widespread rebellion of children! He was protecting the family unit – the authority and the role of parents leading their family! ***unthankful***, People will become unthankful, thinking they’re deserving of everything! How much better is a meal, which we give thanks for and have our Lord join us in the meal! ***unholy***, About the worst thing in this culture is to be known as “holy”! A person is scorned if they are holy!

v. 1 The Last Days refers to that time preceding the Lord’s return when the sin rebellion will be brought to an end! We need to know and are told here that in the last days, **perilous (fierce) times will come.** How we can see the world getting worse and worse before our eyes. We see the tremendous change and we can get all anxious about it, but the Bible warns us that these changes will happen.

v. 2 In verse 2, we are given 8 of the 19 social and moral characteristics of the world in the last days. These characteristics will not only be those of unbelievers, but they will abound in the “religious” sector as well. Which, if any, of these are in present in our lives?

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2Ti 3:3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

2Ti 3:4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

2Ti 3:5 having a form of godliness but denying its power (no life changing power of the Gospel; no sin, no blood, no guilt!). And from such people turn away!

2Ti 3:6 For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts,

v. 3 unloving, astorgos; A love that referred to the love one would have for their family; the love a wife would have for husband, and the love the husband would have for his wife; mother’s and father’s love for the children and visa versa. The whole act of abortion is a direct indicator of this unloving attitude. – what I want is more important than what my child. The world wide presence of selfishness over what I want above all other people and things. **unforgiving** A widespread practice and living in an unforgiving manner. Bitter, revengeful people! A lessening of responding to Jesus’ teachings of being forgiving! **slanderers**, Slander and false accusation happening all the time. Think of the recent judgeship appointment hearing of Justice Kavanaugh. **without self-control**, Undisciplined. We don’t esteem disciple highly. Each passing generation, there is less and less discipline which leads to future instability of nations and of the world! People doing whatever they want at the moment, not thinking whether what they are going to do is right or wrong. **brutal**, Savage; Look how brutal, how savage, the world is getting! A couple of generations ago, parents would hide the newspapers, carrying violent, brutal crimes. There is no safe place anymore from this savagery. It breaks our hearts that on our watch, so to speak, this nation has deteriorated so much that it’s not safe for men women, or children to walk our streets! **despisers of good**, Looking down and hating good! Definitions of Godly right and wrong have become so lost, that evil is good and good is something to be despised!. You cannot get elected in to statewide office today unless you are pro abortion and pro homosexuality. What a terrible indictment of the state. And of the condition of the world today. Taking a right stand on an issue makes one unelectable.

v. 4 traitors, People’s words mean nothing! **headstrong**, They won’t tolerate anyone or anything getting in the way of what they want to do! **haughty**, Filled with the sense of self importance! **lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God**, Pleasure will become more important than God or the love for God. The amount spent on pleasure in the US now is in the billions and billions of dollars! When the choice between pleasure and the things of God is made, the decision is for pleasure! We need to be sure to chose to be lovers of God!

v. 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. Religious people, still doing church, will be doing these things. They will be content with having the outward appearance doing the right things, but not the conviction to do them, because they deny the power of God that works in the life of Christians. They will not confront sin because they fail to have confidence in the power of God! **And from such people turn away!**

v. 6 For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible (vulnerable, not knowing the Bible) women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, Elaborating on this system in the last days. False teachers work stealthily, trying to find people alone. Looking for those who don’t know the Bible and whose life is dominated by sin and has been led away by various lusts.

v. 3 Five more of these characteristics of people in the last days. Again as we look over this list, how am I standing in each of these areas?

v. 4 One of these characteristics, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God could also be translated lovers of pleasure instead of lovers of God. How does your love for pleasure compare to your love for God?

v. 5 We're to turn away from those who are without natural affection, from those who despise things that are good, from those who love pleasure more than God, from those who talk about New Age spirituality but who know nothing of the power of the Holy Spirit and the Resurrected Jesus.

v. 6 Like the demonic influenced in many of these characteristics, the target for them are gullible people loaded down with sin and lusts. What is the anecdote? Living in accordance with the Word of God!

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2Ti 3:7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2Ti 3:8 Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith;

2Ti 3:9 but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was. All Scripture Is Breathed Out by God

*2Ti 3:10 But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance,
2Ti 3:11 persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me.*

v. 7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

The fourth thing, being looked for by the false teachers are those always learning, but not able to come to the knowledge – *epignosko*, knowledge by experience. This kind is open to spiritual things, liking to talk about and study about, but they are not willing to obey. Not willing to repent, not entering into an experience with God by obeying His Word. They are always interested in learning more and more, but they are not doers of what they learn! Nothing ever gets settled in their life, therefore they are gullible to false teachers.

v. 8 Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt (rotten) minds, disapproved concerning the faith; Jannes and Jambres are an example of this sort of corrupt human condition: The devil has power, but his power is limited, primarily using imitation, trying to close himself in legitimacy. A lie that is 95% truth, in order to hide the obvious lie.

v. 9 but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was. Jannes and Jambres using imitation, using part truth to hide the lie, because it does not match the Word of God. This lie will always will be exposed and come to shame! Paul was not ashamed of anything!

v. 10 But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, Paul speaks of nine things that were marks of a true minister. Always share the true gospel message where ever you go! Live as you have seen me live, with His purpose for me in mind. Stay faithful to Jesus no matter the consequences, with longsuffering, love and perseverance. Also the persecutions, afflictions that Paul experienced, especially the stoning at Lystra, most likely witnessed by Timothy! How great is Paul's character, just looking at his stoning. He considering that experience of being one of deliverance by the Lord and does not allow it to shake Paul's faith.

v. 11 persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra (Acts 14)—what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Paul is now exhorting Timothy to continue in the things he has learned, in the life changing truths he has been assured of, reminding him of the tremendous blessing he as has in listening to and watching Paul's life as an example for a Godly minister! Watching how he handled this and handled that! What was Paul thinking? He knew that God was completely able to deliver him again, or that He might not. Paul seemed at complete peace, leaving it in the Lord's hands. Persecution was not going to stop Paul from following hard after Jesus Christ. See his example of walking through his ministry in the spirit and will of God. Timothy (as well as all believers!), you're being watched by many.

v. 7 How many individuals do you know that are always wanting to learn more but never come to know or be able to discern the knowledge of the truth. They know many facts, but do not heed the truth in th Word of God.

v. 8 Paul compares those who live for pleasure, ignore the Lord, and resist truth to these two magicians of the occult in Pharaoh's court. How much or often are we resisting the truth of God's word?

v. 9 The darker your campus or your work setting, the easier it will be for you to shine for Jesus Christ. Perhaps in earlier times it was tougher in some ways to stand out or stand up because the contrast may not have been as great. On the other hand, in these times when things are so perverse and polluted, we can stand out without even trying! How brightly is His light shining forth through you?

vs. 10-11 What a statement! How I pray that we, like Paul, might be able to say to our children and to younger men and women, "You know my lifestyle. You know my purpose. You know my faith."

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2Ti 3:12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

2Ti 3:13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

2Ti 3:14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them,

2Ti 3:15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able (has within it an innate power) to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

v. 12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. This is quite a verse! All who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will persecution as your portion. One of the things that Paul is doing here, is to let us know this truth and to prepare us for it, so when it comes we won't be shocked! Believer thank you for the price that you pay that you are willing to endure and to continue to grow in Christ, which is counter cultural and will produce resistance resulting in persecution!

v. 13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

Evil men refers to the obvious, open enemies of Jesus; *impostors* refers to those who “look” fine, and many think of as fine, but they are actually destructive forces among Jesus' followers. These destructive forces are going to increase in numbers. We're being told here that the persecution under Nero is not just a one time thing, but that persecution will continue or increase all through church history. These impostors are willing to put forth their deceiving messages for whatever end gain they think they will receive.

v. 14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, But you: This is the second *but you* in this passage. Timothy was supposed to swim against the current and to *continue* - and keep on continuing – staying in the context; abiding - *in the things which you have learned and been assured of*. Timothy has watched those Christian things around those in your life. Stick with, continue in those things which you have learned and changed your life!

v. 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. Don't go out on your own! Be aware and appreciate these things with which you have been learned and been assured! I don't want to experiment! *Wise for salvation:* One can be wise in many different things - but are we also **wise for salvation**? This is the most important wisdom one can ever have. iii. This wisdom comes from *the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation*. In and of itself, the Bible does not save us - but it is *only* through the Bible that we can receive God's truth about Jesus, and put faith in Him.

v. 12 Here's a promise you're not likely to find as one of most favorite Bible passages. Yet Paul gave this as the reason for what he was going through and the reason he was not surprised or discouraged by it, so that we too, will not be surprised or discouraged! **Taking a stand for Jesus Christ puts you on a course that's different from the world!**

vs. 13-14 We should be a little skeptical and somewhat suspicious when a person says, "I only learn from this guy," or, "I'm only a follower of that man." Wise are those who will learn from the many people the Lord places in their lives to reinforce, strengthen and undergird their faith. **We need to stand:** To continue and continually stand in the things we have learned, been assured and knowing from whom we have learned them!

v. 15 Timothy, ever since childhood, you've been taught the Word of God. It is the Word that will make you wise. Do we really know and practice this?

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2Ti 3:16 All Scripture (every Book, every chapter, every verse, every word! – Inspiration; Infallibility; Inerrancy The Pharisees added to God’s word! The Sadducees took away from God’s Word! We are not to add or take away anything from it! It’s the very breath of God!) **is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,**

v. 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, Notice clearly that **all Scripture is given by inspiration of God.** Not just part of it or most of it, but all of it! This is one of the great verses in the Bible. What you believe in the Bible depends on how you have accepted the fact that “all Scripture is “God breathed”! The Bible is different than any other writing. The Bible is the very breath of God! David recognized this! He referred to himself as the “sweet Psalmist of Israel” **2Sa 23:2** “The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me, And His word was on my tongue. **2Pe 1:20-21 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, [21] for prophecy never came by the will of man** (not human initiation) **–but holy men of God spoke** (spoke, not thought!), **as they were moved** (carried along) **by the Holy Spirit.** Men spoke as they were moved, carried along, by the Holy Spirit – The very inspiration of God is the very breath of God, which is the very Spirit of God, that carried men along! **Genesis 2:7** Just as God breathed life into Adam’s nostrils, **Pe 1:22-25** *Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, [23] having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, [24] because “ALL FLESH IS AS GRASS, AND ALL THE GLORY OF MAN AS THE FLOWER OF THE GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND ITS FLOWER FALLS AWAY, [25] BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER.” Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.* It doesn’t matter what the world thinks. The Bible has been under attack since it was written! **Psa 119:9-11, 105** *How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. [10] With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! [11] Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You. [105] Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.;* **Mat 4:4** *But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.’”* (It is God breathed!); **Mt. 24:37; Tit 1:2** *in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began.;* **John 17:17** *Sanctify them by Thy Word. Thy word is truth!* **Acts 1:15-16; Mat. 1:21-22; 1 Thess. 1:13** It is infallible. It is inerrant! **Heb 6:17-18** *Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel* (Can’t change, no error), *confirmed it by an oath, [18] that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.* (God’s word puts that hope in front of us. It is impossible for God to lie! His word is immutable); **2 Peter 1:20-21; 2Pe 3:15-16** *and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, [16] as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.* **Rev 22:18-19** *For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; [22] and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*

vs. 16-17 Some critics and commentators say this verse would be rendered, “All Scripture which is by inspiration of God is profitable for doctrine...”—the implication being that not all Scripture is inspired. But if we take this stance, then we are the ones who decide what’s inspired and what isn’t. And in so doing, we become the judge of the Bible rather than allowing the Bible to judge us! Here we see that it is because all Scripture is inspired that we can be thoroughly equipped for every good work! The Scripture has a Divine origin! It is outside time and space, not subject to cultural relevance! The very breath of all knowing, all powerful, who knows the end from the beginning, infallible, Almighty God, gone through the page of the writer, who cannot fail! This is very important! **Mat 24:35** *Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.* We are going to be held accountable, because we believers have been taught His Word! **Are we willing to meet the Word of God head on?** It speaks to us in the deepest part of our being. It will talk to you about your attitude, about your forgiveness, about how to treat your spouse! It is the breath of the Almighty God. It is infallible. It is inerrant! Are we willing to meet it head on?

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2Ti 3:17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Pay no attention to those men who try to tell you what Jesus said and what He didn't, which make man the authority and not the Bible. Let the Bible be a settled peace for you! Because *all Scripture is given by inspiration of God*, we have one of the greatest of understatements – that *all Scripture is profitable!* It's *profitable for doctrine*, which means teaching and telling us what's right! *It's profitable for reproof*, which tells us what's wrong! It's *profitable for correction*, which tells us how to get right! It's *profitable for instruction in righteousness*, which tells us how to stay right! Oh, how valuable is that?

v. 17 that the man of God may be complete (fully mature), *thoroughly equipped* (furnished) *for every good work*. No Christian can be fully mature, without the Word of God! It is what produces mature Christians, thoroughly equipped or furnished for every good work! It is through the Word of God that a child of God can be *thoroughly equipped* to now be effective in the call of God on their lives. Maturity and fruitfulness and effectiveness, in God's call on our life is inseparably intertwined with the teaching and the learning of the Word of God. Take it away and those two things don't happen! In light of the fact that the Scriptures declare the **way to be saved**, the single most important issue in life, and then **declare the way to live**, and then **produce mature and fruitful** Christians. In light of those four great facts, given to us in verses 13 through 17, then Paul will move on to his next charge: **2Ti 4:1-2a I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom:[2a] Preach the word!**

THY WORD - Amy Grant

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. When I feel afraid, Think I've lost my way, Still you're there right beside me. And nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. I will not forget Your love for me and yet, My heart forever is wandering. Jesus be my guide, and hold me to your side, I will love you to the end. (Musical interlude)

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path, and a light unto my path. You're the light unto my path.