

**COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**  
**PAUL'S SECOND LETTER TO TIMOTHY**  
**LESSON 4**  
**2 TIMOTHY 4:1-22**  
**WEEK OF MAY 18 – May 23**

**PAUL'S LAST WORDS**

As Paul is writing this second letter to Timothy, he knows the time of his departure has come. (2 Timothy 4:6). Paul provides these final words of instruction, encouragement and warning to Timothy to prepare Timothy to receive the passing of the mantle of ministry. Paul solemnly charges Timothy to preach the Word (2 Timothy 4:1-5). Paul provides an encouraging, motivating and godly perspective of the final days of his life and recap of his life of ministry in 2 Timothy 4:6-8. He concludes his final letter by reflecting in 2 Timothy 4:9-22 on the importance of and influence of people in Paul's life - some positive and some negative. In this final section of Chapter 4, we need to learn from the faithfulness of many and be warned by the failures of some of those involved in Paul's life and ministry. As you study and meditate on the truths of Chapter 4, ask the Lord how you should respond to the profound truths and Paul's example of wholehearted devotion to Christ through the faithful proclamation God's Word.

**Read 2 Timothy 4:1-5 Priority of Proclamation of the Word**

1. How does the statement in **2 Timothy 4:1** underscore the significance of and seriousness of the instruction that follows in **2 Timothy 4:2**?
2. Paul's charge to Timothy applies to pastors who preach the Word, but the charge applies even more broadly to all believers in the church to understand the importance of the proclamation of the Word. What does Paul instruct Timothy to do in **2 Timothy 4:2**? List and give an explanation of each action.
3. In **2 Timothy 4:3-4**, what is Paul's warning about opposition to the proclamation of sound doctrine from God's Word? What is the desire of many?
4. What is the job description of the pastor in **2 Timothy 4:5**?

**Read 2 Timothy 4:6-8 Paul's Perspective on a Life of Faithful Ministry**

5. How does Paul describe his circumstances in **2 Timothy 4:6** while he was imprisoned in Rome?
6. From **2 Timothy 4:7**, what is Paul's assessment of his service to the Lord and his life of ministry? What does each phrase mean? See the following passages for help: **Acts 20:24; 2 Cor. 10:3-4; 1 Tim. 6:12; 1 Timothy 6:20; 2 Tim. 1:14; Heb 12:1.**

There can be no greater satisfaction-and certainly no more glorious way to end the Christian life-than to know, as he did, that you have fully accomplished all that the Lord has called you to do.

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7. In **2 Timothy 4:8**, what was it that Paul was certain and assured of? Who else has that same assurance?

### **Read 2 Timothy 4:9-22 Paul's Recognition and Remembrance of Others**

In this portion of **Chapter 4**, Paul was preparing Timothy for future ministry upon Paul's departure. He is like a retiring coach, instructing his young understudy about the players on the team as well as the opponents he would face.

8. As Paul faced imminent execution, many people were on his mind. Many were supporters and co-laborers, but some were detractors, defectors and destructive.

- Identify two of Paul's supporters and state what encouraged or challenged you from their example.

- Identify one of Paul's opponents and explain how that person provides a warning to you.

9. The Roman judicial system provided an initial hearing for the accused; like an arraignment where a defendant gives an initial defense and a plea of guilty or not guilty. If the accused pleads not guilty of the charges, a full trial was scheduled for a future date. In **2 Timothy 4:16** Paul describes his first hearing. How did Paul describe that hearing? What was his response in **2 Timothy 4:16(b) and 17**?

10. How did Paul's statement in **2 Timothy 4:18** reflect his confidence in Christ and his anticipation of heaven? What further reflection did Paul give in **Philippians 1:21-23**?

Paul ends his last letter thinking of others by extending greetings to some who have faithfully served with him during his life of ministry. He concludes with his final benediction "*grace be with you*".

11. What truths or passages from **Chapter 4** challenged or encouraged you the most?  
What actions will you take in response?