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2 Timothy

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2 Timothy 1:8-18

	Timothy	Paul	Onesiphorus	Phygelus + Hermogenes
<i>Do not be ashamed</i>	Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, (1:8a)	But I am not ashamed (1:12b)	May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains, (1:16)	You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes. (1:15)
<i>Share in suffering</i>	but share in suffering for the gospel (1:8b)	which is why I suffer as I do. (1:12a)	but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me earnestly and found me (1:17)	
<i>Guard what entrusted</i>	guard the good deposit entrusted to you. (1:14b)	for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. (1:12c)	what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. (2:2)	

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2 Timothy 3:1—4:8

Dishonorable Vessels		Honorable Vessels	
3:1-9	¹ But understand this, that in the last days...	¹⁰ You, however...	3:10—4:2
	² For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant ... lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. ⁶ For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, ⁷ always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth.	have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, ¹¹ my persecutions and sufferings (3:10-13) _____ ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus ... ¹ I charge you ... ² preach the word (3:14—4:2)	
4:3-4	³ For the time is coming when...	⁵ As for you...	4:5-8
	people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.	always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. (4:5) _____ ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness (4:7-8)	