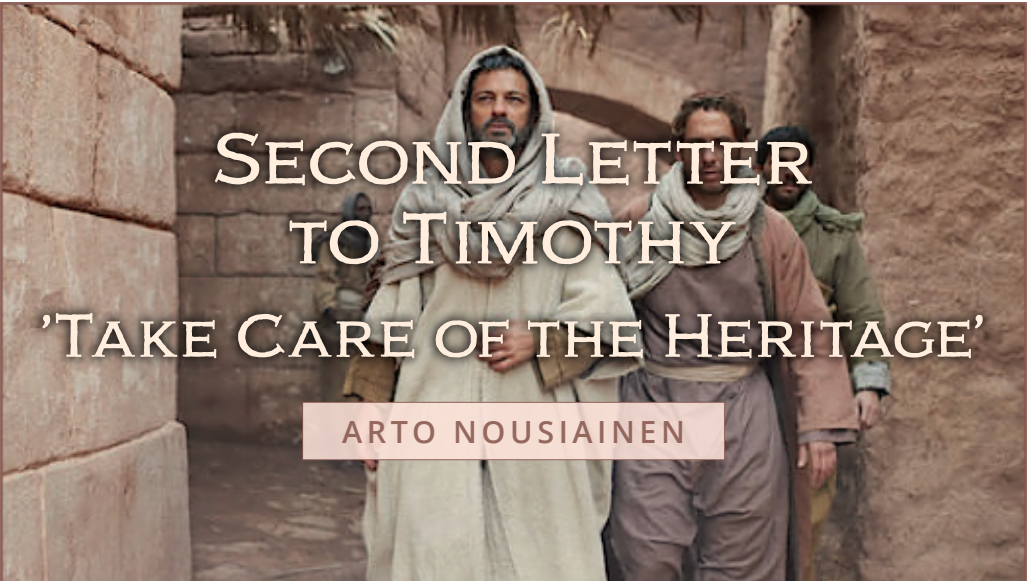




PAUL & HIS LETTERS II

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SECOND LETTER TO TIMOTHY 'TAKE CARE OF THE HERITAGE'

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BACKGROUND

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TRANSFERRAL OF THE APOSTOLIC HERITAGE TO THE NEXT GENERATION

"Timothy, take care of the heritage that you have received"

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"Paul's Cell" at Tre Fontane Italy

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WINS

1. The spread of the faith and multiplication of the churches
2. Many churches followed the apostolic lifestyle: love, unity, spirituality, ...
3. Many significant challenges to faith had been solved: the identity and role of gentile believers, some doctrinal attacks, growing pains of churches, ...
4. Multiplication of the leaders

WORRIES

1. The fervency, quality, and dedication of the next generation leadership.
2. Holding onto the apostolic teaching by the next generation of believers.
3. Continuation in the apostolic lifestyle by the next generation of believers.

1:1-2 GREETING

- Paul's authority
- Paul's love
- Key words: **"Promise of life"**
"Beloved son"

1:3-8 EXORDIUM & PROPOSITIO

"Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God," (1:6-8)



1:3-8 EXORDIUM & PROPOSITIO

- THANKS: The sincere faith of Timothy and his faith heritage
- PROPOSITIO: Stir up the gift of God!

The power, love, and sound mind that is given by the Spirit of God
ENABLES

Cowardice, timidity
HINDERS

- Attitude: **DON'T BE ASHAMED OF PAUL & THE GOSPEL**
- Action: **ENDURE THE HARDSHIP FOR THE GOSPEL!**

CENTRAL THOUGHT OF THE PROPOSITIO

"Timothy, take care of the heritage you have received by stirring up the work of God's grace in your life."

- It requires **power, ability** — endure the hardship!
- It requires **love** — don't be ashamed of me nor the gospel!
- It requires **sound mind** — guard this teaching and make progress in it!

⇒ **Provision to this all is in the Holy Spirit**

PROBATIO 1:9-3:17

- 1:9-18 **Argument 1:** Why to endure hardship for the gospel's sake?
- 2:1-13 **Argument 2:** How to strengthen in enduring hardship for the gospel's sake?
- 2:14-26 **Argument 3:** How should Timothy engage in hardship for the gospel's sake?
- 3:1-9 **Argument 4:** The upcoming time of degeneration
- 3:10-17 **Argument 5:** Paul's example and heritage

1:9-18 ARGUMENT 1: WHY TO ENDURE HARDSHIP FOR THE GOSPEL'S SAKE?

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Paul's reasons for enduring hardship for the gospel's sake:

- 1:9, 11 1. God has saved and called him
- 1:10 2. Life comes through the gospel!
- 1:12 3. I know God whom I have believed in

Conclusion 1: for this reason I endure hardship (1:12)
 Conclusion 2: for this reason I am not ashamed (1:12)
 Conclusion 3: for this reason I trust in His ability to fulfill His calling in me.

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Paul's appeal to Timothy for enduring hardship

- 1:12-14 1. You know me and have heard my teaching.
Conclusion 1: thus, guard the teaching
- 1:15-18 2. NARRATIO: Examples of apostates and endurers of hardship
Conclusion 2: be yourself a positive example

2:1-13 — ARGUMENT 2: HOW TO STRENGTHEN IN ENDURING HARDSHIP FOR THE GOSPEL'S SAKE?

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- 2:1 Receive power to your calling by grace renewal
- 2:2 Focus on your mission:
 - Multiplication
- 2:3-7 Realize your role: Examples of enduring hardship
 - Soldier: hardship
 - Athlete: rules
 - Farmer: diligence

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Soldier, athlete, and farmer

2:1-13 — ARGUMENT 2: HOW TO STRENGTHEN IN ENDURING HARDSHIP FOR THE GOSPEL'S SAKE?

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2:8-13 Understand your examples and promises:

- 1) The example of Jesus 2:8
 - foundation of the gospel
- 2) The example of Paul 2:9-10
 - gospel is not chained
- 3) The Promise 2:11-13
 - of endurance and the faithfulness of God
 - of ruling with Christ

2:14-26 — ARGUMENT 3: HOW SHOULD TIMOTHY ENGAGE IN HARDSHIP FOR THE GOSPEL'S SAKE?

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In the background are the false teachers in Ephesus

- 2:14 1. Warn the disciples to abstain from disputing.
- 2:15 2. Show yourself approved before God
- 2:16-19 3. Avoid wrong company and speech
- 2:20-21 Our usefulness to God depends on our choices
- 2:22 4. Flee lusts, pursue godliness
- 2:23-26 5. Don't partake in disputes, but maintain a godly demeanor fit for a servant of God.



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One of these is used for serving beverages to the guests and to the other one go the cigarette stumps

3:1-9 — ARGUMENT 4: THE UPCOMING TIME OF DEGENERATION

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As the end times draw near, ungodliness increases

- 3:1 Overall characterization
- 3:2-5 19 characteristics of end times
 - External form of godliness
 - No godly character
 - No power of godliness
- 3:6-7 The bad leadership of the ungodly teachers
- 3:8-9 The senselessness of the ungodly teachers

3:10-17 — ARGUMENT 5: PAUL'S EXAMPLE AND HERITAGE

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3:10-14 The example of Paul's life

- You have seen the quality of my life
- You have seen me at my weakest
- You know why I have been persecuted.

3:14-17 The scriptures are your heritage; keep them.

- You know whom you learned them from
- They are your foundation and salvation
- They are fully useful
- Their purpose is to prepare you for your calling

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'Gaon-era'
Tooran scroll

3:14-15 PAUL'S EXAMPLE

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Paul	vs.	Deceivers
Motivation of love		Evil motivation
Godly life		Ungodliness
Persecuted, but right		Lead astray and are wrong
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul's heritage is not only in the teaching, but also in godly life. • Following Jesus has produced both Christ-like life as well as suffering together with Him. • The recommendation of sound teaching is in sound life. 		

3:10-15 CORE IDEA

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"Whatever the others end up doing, you must patiently remain in the things you have learned, because you know your teachers, their motivation, their values, their testimony ... You know full well that you can trust their teaching (10-11). You have already an excellent foundation for your faith and you are firmly convinced of its truthfulness. So, don't let your focus wander, don't be slack, nor let that which you have learned be forgotten nor unused."

4:1-8 — PERORATIO "PASSING THE BATON"

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4:1-5 It is time for Timothy to step forward and start to lead

- Exhortation and commission (1)
- Timothy's mission (2, 5)
- The opposition for sound teaching (3-4)

4:6-8 It is time for Paul to step down and go away

- The upcoming execution of Paul (6)
- Paul's endurance in the race of faith (7)
- The upcoming entrance to glory (8)

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'The Beheading of Paul',
Simon de Vos (1603-1676)

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"[2]preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ...

[5]As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry."

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4:9-18 PERSONAL MATTERS

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4:9-13 Invitation for Timothy to visit him soon

- Paul is almost without any helpers
- Paul's needs: clothing, parchments

4:14-15 Warning about Alexandros, who wills evil

4:16-18 Paul's Perils in Minor Asia

- Paul was left alone at his arrest (16-17).
- Doxology (18).

4:19-22 FAREWELL AND BLESSING

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