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2 Timothy Introduction

The Call to Christian Perseverance


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#### **Answering Nine Questions**



- 1) Who wrote it? Paul
- 2) What do we know about the author? An Apostle
- 3) To whom was it written? <u>Timothy</u>
- 4) When was it written? A.D. 67
- 5) Where was it written from? Rome
- 6) Why was it written? Timothy's timidity
- 7) What is it about? <u>Perseverance</u>
- 8) What is inside (outline)? 4 part outline
- 9) What makes the book different? Paul's final word

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Ten Metaphors Illustrating Endurance

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#### Ten Metaphors

- Teacher (2:2)
- Soldier (2:3-4)
- Athlete (2:5)
- Farmer (2:6)
- Cillist (2.7-8)
- Paul (2:9-10)
- Trustworthy statement (2:11-13)
- Workman (2:14-18)
- Vessel (2:19-23)
- Servant (2:24-26)

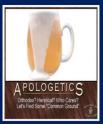

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#### **Definition of Apostasy**

- apos = away from
- histēmi = to stand
- Apostasy = to stand away from
- Apostasy = a departure from known (or previously embraced) truth



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- 2. Paul's character (10b
- 3. Paul's difficulties (11-13)




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#### **INSPIRATION OF SCRIPTURE**

2 Peter 2:20-21

- Men Wrote as they were inspired by Holy Spirit "phero" = to carry Acts 27:15,17
- Opposite of Knowledge of False Teachers
  - Which is their own imagination
    - Jer. 23:16




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#### Three Tenses of Salvation

Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	Past	<u>Present</u>	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	Power	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	Philip 2:12	Rom 5:10

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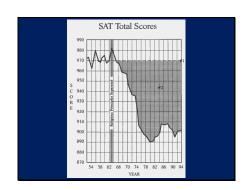
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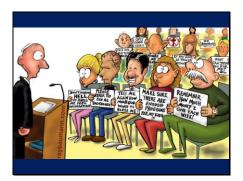
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"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." (NIV)


# <u>"the"</u>

- 1 Tim. 4:1-3-But the Spirit explicitly says that <u>in later times</u> some will <sup>[a]</sup>fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, <sup>2</sup> by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron, <sup>3</sup> *men* who forbid marriage *and advocate* abstaining from foods which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth.
- 2 Tim. 3:1-3-But realize this, that <u>in the last days</u> difficult times will come. <sup>2</sup> For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, <sup>[a]</sup>haters of good.

# "will come"

- 2 Pet. 2:1-But false prophets also arose among the people, just as **there will also be false teachers among you**, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.
- 2 Pet. 3:3-Know this first of all, that <u>in the last days</u> mockers will come with *their* mocking, following after their own lusts.

# "doctrine"

- 2 Tim. 3:16-All Scripture is <sup>[h]</sup>inspired by God and profitable for **teaching**, for reproof, for correction, for <sup>[i]</sup>training in righteousness
- 2 Tim. 4:2-preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with <sup>[a]</sup> great patience and **instruction.**

Acts 2:42-They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' **teaching** and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

# "sound"

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Luke 15:27-And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has received him **back safe and sound**.'

- 3 John 2-Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in **good health**, just as your soul prospers
- 1 Tim. 1:10-<sup>[f]</sup>and <sup>[g]</sup>immoral men <sup>[h]</sup>and homosexuals <sup>[i]</sup>and kidnappers <sup>[j]</sup>and liars <sup>[k]</sup>and perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to **sound** teaching

- 1 Tim. 6:3-If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not degree with **sound** words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness.
- 2 Tim. 1:13-Retain the standard of **sound** words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.
- Titus 1:9-holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in **sound** doctrine and to refute those who contradict.
- Titus 1:13-This testimony is true. For this reason reprove them severely so that they may be **sound** in the faith
- Titus 2:1-But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for **sound** doctrine.

# "They"

John 15:18-19-If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before *it hated* you. <sup>19</sup> If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.

### "Will not endure"

- Matt. 17:17-And Jesus answered and said, "You unbelieving and perverted generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him here to Me."
- Eph. 4:3-being diligent **to preserve the unity** of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

- Jude 3-Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you **contend earnestly for the faith** which was once for all handed down to the <sup>[a]</sup>saints.
- Gal. 6:6-The one who is taught the word is to **share all good things** with the one who teaches *him*.
- 2 Tim. 2:15-Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a **workman** who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.
- 2 Tim. 4:2-**preach the word**; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with <sup>[a]</sup>great patience and instruction.
- Jas. 1:21-Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and *all* <sup>[v]</sup>that remains of wickedness, in <sup>[w]</sup>humility <u>receive the word</u> implanted, which is able to save your souls.
- 2 Tim. 3:16-All Scripture is <sup>[h]</sup>inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for <u>reproof</u>, for correction, for <sup>[i]</sup>training in righteousness.

# "According to their own desires"

Ps. 37:4-Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the **desires** of your heart.

Prov. 1:7-The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

- Ps. 14:1-<u>The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."</u> They are corrupt, they have committed abominable <sup>[a]</sup>deeds; There is no one who does good.
- Ezek. 28:17-"Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; **You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor**. I cast you to the ground; I put you before kings, That they may see you.
- Rom. 1:18-For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of **men who suppress the truth** [l] in unrighteousness
- Rom. 1:21-22- For even though they knew God, they did not <sup>[n]</sup>honor Him as God or give thanks, but they <u>became futile in</u> their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

  22 Professing to be wise, they became fools
- Matt. 5:28- but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with <u>lust</u> for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart
- Acts 20:33-I have **coveted** no one's silver or gold or clothes
- John 8:44-You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the <u>desires</u> of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks <sup>[n]</sup> a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*, for he is a liar and the father of <sup>[o]</sup> lies.

- Gal. 5:16-But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the **desire** of the flesh.
- Gal. 5:24-Now those who <sup>[k]</sup>belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and <u>desires</u>.
- 1 Tim. 6:9-But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful <u>desires</u> which plunge men into ruin and destruction.
- 2 Tim 2:22-Now flee from **youthful lusts** and pursue righteousness, faith, love *and* peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.
- 1 Pet. 1:14-As <sup>[n]</sup>obedient children, do not <sup>[o]</sup>be conformed to the former <u>lusts</u> which were yours in your ignorance.
- Rev. 3:19-20-Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent. <sup>20</sup> Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.

# "They will accumulate to themselves teachers"

Jer. 5:30-31-"An appalling and horrible thing Has happened in the land:<sup>31</sup> The prophets prophesy falsely, And the priests rule <sup>[m]</sup> on their *own* authority; And **My people love it so**! But what will you do at the end of it?

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would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.

Vincent-"If people desire a calf to worship, a ministerial calfmaker is readily fund."

Matt. 7:13-14- "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. <sup>14</sup> For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

# "But wanting to have their ears tickled"

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# Eph. 6:17- And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and **the sword** of the Spirit, which is the word of God

Heb. 4:12-**For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword**, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Acts 2:37- Now when they heard *this*, they were <sup>[aj]</sup>**pierced to the heart**, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "<sup>[ak]</sup>Brethren, <sup>[al]</sup>what shall we do?"

Amos 8:11-12- Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord GOD, "When I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine for

bread or a thirst for water, But rather for hearing the words of the LORD. <sup>12</sup> "People will stagger from sea to sea And from the north even to the east; They will go to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, But they will not find *it*.

Mega-church Pastor Andy Stanley, the son of legendary Pastor Charles Stanley, was asked "What do you think about preaching verse-by-verse messages through books of the Bible?" He answered, "Guys that preach verse-by-verse through books of the Bible—that is just cheating. It's cheating because that would be easy, first of all. That isn't how you grow people. No one in the Scripture modeled that. There's not one example of that." <a href="http://www.christianitytoday.com/edstetzer/2009/march/andy-stanley-on-communication-part-2.html">http://www.christianitytoday.com/edstetzer/2009/march/andy-stanley-on-communication-part-2.html</a>

Dr. R. Albert Mohler, Jr., president of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, observes this sad and dangerous ecclesiastical trend. While quoting Mark Galli, he notes:

"It is well and good for the preacher to base his sermon on the Bible, but he better get to something relevant pretty quickly, or we start to mentally check out." That stunningly clear sentence reflects one of the most amazing, tragic, and lamentable characteristics of contemporary Christianity—impatience with the Word of God...Galli was told to cut down on the biblical references in his sermon. "You'll lose people," the staff member warned. In a Bible lesson on creation, the teacher was requested to come back next Sunday prepared to take questions at the expense of reading the relevant scriptural texts on the doctrine. Cutting down on the number of Bible verses "would save time,

and it was strongly implied would better hold people's interest."...Indeed, in many churches there is very little reading of the Bible in worship, and sermons are marked by attention to the congregation's concerns—not by adequate attention to the biblical text. The exposition of the Bible has given way to the concerns, real or perceived, of the listeners. The authority of the Bible is swallowed up in the imposed authority of congregational concerns. As Mark Galli notes: "It has been said to the point of boredom that we live in a narcissistic age, where we want to fixate on our needs, our wants, and our hopes—at the expense of others and certainly at the expense of God. We do not like it when a teacher uses up the whole class time presenting her material, even if it is material from the Word of God. We want to be able to ask our questions about our concerns, otherwise we feel talked down to, or we feel the class is not relevant to our lives...Don't spend a lot of time in the Bible, we tell our preachers, but be sure to get to personal illustrations, examples from daily life, and most importantly, an application we can use." The fixation on our own sense of need and interest looms as the most significant factor in the marginalization and silencing of the Word. Individually, each human being in the room is an amalgam of wants, needs, intuitions, interests, and distractions. Corporately, the congregation is a mass of expectations, desperate hopes, consuming fears, and impatient urges. All of this adds up, unless countered by the authentic reading and preaching of the Word of God, to a form of group therapy, entertainment, and wasted time—if not worse. Galli has this situation clearly in his sights when he asserts that many congregations expect the preacher to start from some text in the Bible, but then quickly move on "to things that really interest us." Like...ourselves...The Biblical

formula is clear—the neglect of the Word can only lead to disaster, disobedience, and death. God rescues his church from error, preserves his church in truth, and propels his church in witness only by his Word—not in congregational self-study. In the end, impatience with the Word of God can be explained only by impatience with God. We—both individually and congregationally—neglect God's Word to our own ruin.<sup>1</sup>

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# "The truth"

John 8:32-and you will know the <u>truth</u>, and t<u>he truth will make</u> <u>you free</u>

John 14:6- Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and <u>the truth</u>, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

# "and they will turn their ears from"

2 Tim. 1:15- You are aware of the fact that all who are in <sup>[k]</sup>Asia **turned away** from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes.

1 Kings 22:8- The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of the LORD, but I hate him, because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. *He is* Micaiah son of Imlah."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Albert Mohler, "Falling on Deaf Ears?—Why So Many Churches Hear So Little of the Bible," online: <a href="http://www.albertmohler.com/">http://www.albertmohler.com/</a>, 19 February 2010.

John 3:19-21- This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."

Rom. 1:18-Rom. 1:18-For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of **men who suppress the truth** [l] in unrighteousness.

## "And they will turn aside to"

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Rom. 1:23-and <u>exchanged</u> the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and fourfooted animals and <sup>[o]</sup> crawling creatures.

# "Myths"

- 2 Peter. 1:16- For we did not follow <u>cleverly devised tales</u> when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.
- 1 Tim. 1:4- nor to <sup>[c]</sup> pay attention to <u>myths</u> and endless genealogies, which give rise to mere speculation rather than *furthering* <sup>[d]</sup> the administration of God which is by faith

1 Tim. 4:7-But <sup>[c]</sup>have nothing to do with <u>worldly fables</u> fit only for old women. On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness

Titus 1:14- not paying attention to Jewish **myths** and commandments of men who turn away from the truth

2 Tim. 3:7- <u>always learning</u> and never able to come to the <sup>[e]</sup>knowledge of the truth

Acts 17:21- (Now all the Athenians and the strangers visiting there used to **spend their time in nothing other than telling or hearing something new**)

Isa. 6:8-10-\_Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" <sup>9</sup> He said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on listening, but do not perceive; Keep on looking, but do not understand. <sup>10</sup> "Render the hearts of this people <sup>[e]</sup> insensitive, Their ears <sup>[f]</sup> dull, And their eyes <sup>[g]</sup> dim, Otherwise they might see with their eyes, Hear with their ears, Understand with their hearts, And return and be healed."

Num. 6:24-26-\_The LORD bless you, and keep you;<sup>25</sup> The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you;<sup>26</sup> The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace