



Get here before winter

2 Timothy 4:6-22

⁶ For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

⁹ Do your best to come to me quickly, ¹⁰ for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. ¹² I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³ When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.

¹⁴ Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. ¹⁵ You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message.

¹⁶ At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. ¹⁷ But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

¹⁹ Greet Priscilla and Aquila and the household of Onesiphorus. ²⁰ Erastus stayed in Corinth, and I left Trophimus sick in Miletus.

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Eubulus greets you, and so do Pudens, Linus, Claudia and all the brothers.

²² The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

Paul's last letter

▼ Last letter

² Timothy 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,

▼ Spiritual son

² Timothy 1:2 To Timothy, my dear son:

▼ Prisons and persecutions

² Timothy 1:8 So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God,

▼ Triumphant testimony

² Timothy 4:16 At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. ¹⁷ But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

▼ Expected execution

² Timothy 4:6 I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

▼ Repeated requests

² Timothy 1:4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy.

² Timothy 4:9 Do your best to come to me quickly, ¹⁰ for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹ Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. ¹² I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³ When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.

▼ Distant destination

¹ Timothy 1:3 As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus

▼ Winter weather warning

² Timothy 4:21 Do your best to get here before winter.

Powerful life lessons

▼ Deferred duties

- ▶ *Your personal religion*
- ▶ *Your people relationships*

▼ Demanding deadlines

- ▶ *The ticking of the clock*
- ▶ *The transitioning of circumstances*

▼ Devastating delay

- ▶ *Are you scared?*
- ▶ *Are you stubborn?*
- ▶ *Are you spiritually sidetracked?*
- ▶ *Are you simply slacking and slothful?*

▼ Due diligence

- ▶ *Prioritize the precious over the petty*
- ▶ *Pray for power and prudence*
- ▶ *Press in and prevail over procrastination*