# What were Paul and Peter's last words to us?

#### 2 Peter 1:12-15

For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.

- "... having a form of godliness but denying its power.

  And from such people turn away!" 2 Timothy 3:5
- But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. 2 Timothy 3:13
- But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.
  - 2 Peter 2:1-3

## 2 Timothy 2:15

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

- ➤ **Be diligent** spoudazo to hasten, to make haste, to endeavour, (sense of urgency and importance)
- To present yourself paristemi to stand by to help, to stand ready, to be at hand
- Approved dokimos accepted as the true representation of what it is, i.e., a coin

"In the ancient world there was no banking system as we know it today, and no paper money. All money was made from metal, heated until liquid, poured into moulds and allowed to cool. When the coins were cooled, it was necessary to smooth off the uneven edges. The coins were comparatively soft, and of course many people shaved them closely. In one century, more than eighty laws were passed in Athens to stop the practice of whittling down the coins then in circulation. But some money-changers were men of integrity, who would accept no counterfeit money; they were men of honour who put only genuine, full-weight money into circulation. Such men were called dokimos, and this word is used here for the Christian as he is to be seen by the world." (Donald Grey Barnhouse, Romans: God's Glory, p. 18.)

## 2 Timothy 3:8-9

Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.

#### Galatians 5:1

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

### 2 Corinthians 3:15-18

But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.



#### Psalm 46:10

Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

#### Isaiah 26:3

You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.

#### Isaiah 55:1-2

"Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance.

#### 2 Peter 1:1-4

Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,

#### 2 Peter 1:1-4

as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

#### 2 Peter 1:5-7

But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,

to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance [patience], to perseverance godliness,

to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.

#### 2 Peter 1:8-9

For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren [useless] nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

## 2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**Profitable** ophelimos It profits you; it advantages you. It's like bodily exercise; you know it is doing you good. It is beneficial. It is a good thing, not a bad thing.

**Doctrine** disdaskalia The root of the word is Master, Jesus, teacher. If the doctrine does not represent Jesus, it is false teaching. It is a doctrine of man.

**Reproof** elegchos A proof, that by which a thing is proven or tested, the **evidence** of things not seen which was mentioned in Heb 11:1, it's the same word). It is not rebuke meaning a punishment. It's showing what is true.

**Correction** epanorthosis Make straight, set up lift up (as in John 15:2, Jesus lifts the branch that hangs down so it can get better). It's a restoration to an upright or right state.

**For instruction** in what? In righteousness. Whose? Jesus and ours through Him, received by faith

#### Hebrews 4:11-12

#### The Word Discovers Our Condition

Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

#### Hebrews 12:11-13

Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees,

and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.

#### Mark 12:30-31

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment.

And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

## 2 Timothy 2:1-2

You therefore, my son, be strong in [Draw strength from] the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

#### 2 Peter 3:18

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

#### Psalm 1:3

He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.