

“Come Before Winter”

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2 Timothy 4:1-22 (*New American Standard*)

1 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: **2** preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires; **4** and will turn away their ears from the truth, and will turn aside to myths.

5 But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. **6** For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. **7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; **8** in the future there is laid up 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 loved His appearing.

9 Make every effort to come to me soon; **10** for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. **11** Only Luke is with me. Pick up Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for service. **12** But Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. **13** When you come bring the cloak which I left at Troas with Carpus, and the books, especially the parchments. **14** Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. **15** Be on guard against him yourself, for he vigorously opposed our teaching. **16** At my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted me; may it not be counted against them. **17** But the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me, in order that through me the proclamation might be fully accomplished, and that all the Gentiles

might hear; and I was delivered out of the lion's mouth. **18** The Lord will deliver me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom; to Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

19 Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.

20 Erastus remained at Corinth, but Trophimus I left sick at Miletus.

21 Make every effort to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, also Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brethren. **22** The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

LIFE TRUTHS FROM TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

I. Fulfill the _____ to which you have been _____. (vv. 1-5)

II. Life is _____; live it with _____. (vv. 6-9)

III. Invest in _____. (vv. 10-20)

IV. Don't _____; act while you have _____. (v. 21)