

## 2 Timothy 4:1-22

Swan Song

a solemn charge:  
vv 1-2

<sup>4:1</sup> 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: <sup>2</sup>preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. <sup>3</sup>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, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. <sup>5</sup>But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

vv 3-4  
a sad reckoning

v 5  
a defiant stance

<sup>6</sup>For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; <sup>8</sup>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.

vv 6-8  
a proper example

<sup>9</sup>Make every effort to come to me soon; <sup>10</sup>for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens *has gone* to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

vv 9-12  
Memories

<sup>11</sup> Only Luke is with me. Pick up Mark and bring him with

you, for he is useful to me for service. <sup>12</sup> But Tychicus I have

v 13

*Simple needs  
and habits*

sent to Ephesus. <sup>13</sup> When you come bring the cloak which I left

at Troas with Carpus, and the books, especially the parchments.

v 14-15

*worthy enemies*

<sup>14</sup> Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm; the Lord will

repay him according to his deeds. <sup>15</sup> Be on guard against him  
yourself, for he vigorously opposed our teaching.

v 14-16

*an absence  
of bitterness*

<sup>16</sup> At my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted  
me; may it not be counted against them. <sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood

with me and strengthened me, so that through me the

proclamation might be fully accomplished, and that all the

Gentiles might hear; and I was rescued out of the lion's

mouth. <sup>18</sup> The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, and

will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom; to Him be the

glory forever and ever. Amen.

v 17-18

*a glorious  
doxology*

v 19-12

*good old friends*

<sup>19</sup> Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.

<sup>20</sup> Erastus remained at Corinth, but Trophimus I left sick at

Miletus. <sup>21</sup> Make every effort to come before winter. Eubulus

greet you, also Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the

brethren.

v 22 *final confidence* <sup>22</sup> The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

### Life Group Application Questions

1. Do you understand "Requirements (1-5) and Reflections (6-22)"?
2. Why are these 2 areas the classic perspective on "Retirement"?
3. Which ones were the most impactful to you?