

## December 25 Questions

- 1) Paul's last recorded letter was written to \_\_\_\_\_ from the prisons of \_\_\_\_\_. His second imprisonment was very different than his first. Before, he had his own rented house with only one guard (cf. Acts 28:16, 30); now he was kept in close \_\_\_\_\_. Before, he was surrounded by friends; now only \_\_\_\_\_ was with him (2 Tim 4:10–12). Before, he had hoped for freedom; now he expected to \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Tim 4:6). Notice, however, that although Paul spoke candidly about his difficulties, he was not depressed or discouraged. Instead, he was \_\_\_\_\_ in God and \_\_\_\_\_ on His strength (2 Tim 4:16–18). Timothy was most likely at \_\_\_\_\_, providing leadership and guidance to the church. Around two years earlier, much of Rome had \_\_\_\_\_ to the ground, and \_\_\_\_\_ blamed the \_\_\_\_\_. It was during this time of fear and doubt that Paul urged Timothy to “fan into \_\_\_\_\_ the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_” (2 Tim 1:6–7). This teaches us that we should never be \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel or of those who preach the good news. Instead, we should share in \_\_\_\_\_ as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Paul went on to call Timothy to a life of dedicated \_\_\_\_\_ to God, and his words are meant for us as well. We, too, should \_\_\_\_\_ to the end for the sake of the gospel (2 Tim 2:8–13). We, too, should \_\_\_\_\_ sound doctrine and \_\_\_\_\_ useless quarrels (2 Tim 2:14–16). We should understand that \_\_\_\_\_ times will come, and with them will come \_\_\_\_\_ teachers (2 Tim 3:1–7). We should make it our goal to \_\_\_\_\_ Paul's example and live a life of \_\_\_\_\_ and service to God.