

"How to Die"
2 Timothy 4:9-18

Perspectives and practices of Paul's life:

1. Paul never retires, and neither should we.
2. Paul is surrounded by young men.
3. Paul has buddies.
4. Paul is still learning.
5. Paul has enemies.
6. Paul dies with forgiveness in his heart for both his enemies and his friends.
7. Paul preaches the truth in the midst of mediocrity.
8. Paul trusts God to take care of him.

2 Timothy 4

- 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, 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.
18 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.