

II Timothy 4:9-22  
Prepared to Depart

Personal needs (9-13)

People I want to see ***Those who have served in ministry***

Those who have left (James 5:19-20 / Colossians 4:10) ***Pray for their return***

Those who have helped in ministry (Romans 16:1-4 / II Timothy 1:16-18)

Parka – the cloak to keep warm in the dungeon (Hebrews 10:32-35) ***We should care***

Parchments – wanting to have His Word (Psalm 119:89 / Hebrews 11:39-40)

***God's people and God's word are the only things that will be with us forever***

Protection for others (14-19) ***Bringing awareness of things to come: persecution & Hope***

Personal attacks will come (II Timothy 3:12 / Hebrews 11:36-38 / Acts 20:22-23)

Preparing yourself

Those who oppose the message (Acts 19:23-27) ***Who is on your side?***

Those who will not stand with you (Psalm 41:9/John 6:70-71) ***Don't be surprised***

Promise of our Savior

He will stand with us (Hebrews 13:5-6) ***We do not have to fear – never alone***

He will give us strength (II Corinthians 12:9) ***Especially in our weakness***

To share His message (Matthew 28:19-20) ***To the very end***

To reach others with His truth (Acts 20:24, 32) ***What else matters?***

He will deliver us (Psalm 54:6-7) ***Always has, always does, always will***

He alone deserves the glory (John 15:5) ***I can do nothing without Him***

Proper greetings (19-22) ***Have we recognized and show our appreciation to those who blessed us in our lives and ministry?***

Those who serve (Philippians 2:19-22) ***Faithfully serving alongside of us***

Those who struggle (Philippians 1:27-30) ***Who have faced trials in the midst of serving***

Those who care (Philippians 2:25) ***Who have gone above and beyond to serve***

The LORD blessing on each

His Spirit in our lives (Galatians 5:24-25) ***Our richest blessing***

His grace upon our lives (Titus 2:11-14) ***To teach, encourage, equip, give hope***

## Discussion questions for II Timothy 4:9-22

When facing imminent death: what things no longer matter to us and what things matter the most? (II Peter 1:12-15 / Luke 21:28, 34 / Ecclesiastes 12:13-14) ***Our possessions and achievements fade away. Our relationships and the knowledge that those we love know Jesus and will continue to follow and serve Him. Our own relationship with Christ – being right with Him, knowing that we will be held accountable for the things we have done (II Corinthians 5:10). His promises and our hopes fulfilled in Him.***

How should we prepare ourselves for the days ahead? (Matthew 24:4, 10-13, 42-51 Jude 20-23) ***We need to be on our guard! False Christs and false teachers will become more common. As wickedness increases, love will fade away. We must be sure that we are seeking and following the Lord. That His love, mercy, peace, forgiveness and hope are seen in us. We need each other (Hebrews 10:24-25). We need to build ourselves up in the faith, help those who are struggling, and keep our focus on Jesus. (He is able!)***

To whom should we give recognition for their service to the Lord and to us? (Romans 16:1-16) ***Those who have faithfully served Jesus. Those who have blessed us with their ministry. Those who have shown special care toward us. Those who have suffered for the Name of Christ. Those who have word hard and tirelessly for the cause of Christ.***

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