



Title: Poured Out

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"In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of His appearing and His kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store 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 longed for his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:1-8).

This sounds like a man who has reached the end of his days but not the end of his resolve. As God's chosen evangelist to the Gentiles, Paul spent his last days encouraging and strengthening the churches he had founded. But, these words were not written to a church; they were written to Timothy, a young man Paul mentored as a father would his son.

Men, is there a Timothy in your life? Someone to share your life with? Is there anyone you would share some final instructions with? Paul's work as an evangelist set the standard for all evangelists to follow. Yet, Paul considered Timothy as important as all the churches he started. The same with us. Our work is important and it should be our goal to be excellent at what we do; but, our work should not be the total of our life. We need to have a Timothy.

What a waste it would be to take all of our acquired knowledge and have it buried in the ground with us. Paul's life was being poured out. What a great word picture that is. His life was being poured out into the churches he started and into the life of Timothy, his son. So should ours be also.