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Title: A Few Closing Words

Date/Location: Sunday March 25, 2012 at FBC

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I. Three Appeals

A. To the Believers – To Pray, v. 18-19

1. The Biblical idea of the conscience
2. The decision to live with integrity and honor
3. The effectiveness of prayer

B. To God – To Perfect His work, v. 20-21

1. The need for God's work to do God's will
2. The descriptions of God and Jesus

C. To the Believers – to Endure the Exhortation, v. 22

1. Enduring a short word of exhortation
2. Opposite: not enduring sound teaching (2 Timothy 4:3).
3. Other uses of the endurance idea (Ephesians 4:2, Colossians 3:13)

II. Closing Words

A. News of Timothy, v. 23

The well-known Timothy had been in jail and was now released.

B. Closing Greetings, v. 24

An expression of care among Christians.

C. Prayer Wish for God's Grace, v. 25

God's unmerited favor.

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And so I wish on you, dear reader, the same grace to have a good conscience, to decide to live honorably in every way, to equip you to do God's will, and to endure sound teaching from God's word until the Lord returns.

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