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■ ROME

ITALY

MACEDONIA

■ Philippi

Thessalonica ■

(GREECE)

ACHAIA

ASIA MINOR

GALATIA

ASIA

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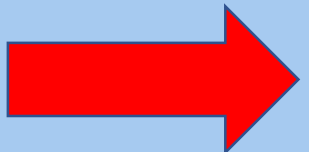
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SYRIA

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2 Timothy 4

1 I charge you 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:

**2 Preach the word;
be prepared in season and out of season;
reprove, rebuke, and encourage with every
form of patient instruction.**

2 Timothy 4

3 For the time will come when men will not tolerate sound doctrine, but with itching ears they will gather around themselves teachers to suit their own desires.

4 So they will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths

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Galatians 1

6 I am astonished how quickly you are deserting the One who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—

7 which is not even a gospel. Evidently some people are troubling you and trying to distort the gospel of Christ.

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8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be under a divine curse!

9 As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you embraced, let him be under a divine curse!

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Acts 20

29 I know that after my departure, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock.

30 Even from your own number, men will rise up and distort the truth to draw away disciples after them.

31 Therefore be alert and remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

2 John 1

8 Watch yourselves, so that you do not lose what we have worked for, that you may be fully rewarded.

9 Anyone who runs ahead without remaining in the teaching of Christ does not have God.

Whoever remains in His teaching has both the Father and the Son.

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16 Pay close attention to your life and to your teaching. Persevere in these things, for by so doing you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

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Acts 20:28 Keep watch over yourselves and the entire flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers.

Be shepherds of the church of God, which He purchased with His own blood.

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2. To provide living examples for others to follow

Philippians 3:17 Join one another in following my example, brothers, and carefully observe those who live according to the pattern we set for you.

Hebrews 13:7 Remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

1 Timothy 4:12 Let no one despise your youth, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

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4. To ensure that nothing discredits the clear truth of God's Word

Titus 2:4...so that the word of God will not be discredited.

10...so that in every respect they will adorn the teaching about God our Savior.

2 Peter 2:2 Many will follow in their depravity, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned.

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5. These qualities are necessary to complete the task of shepherding God's flock
 - to follow the way of the **Good Shepherd**

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