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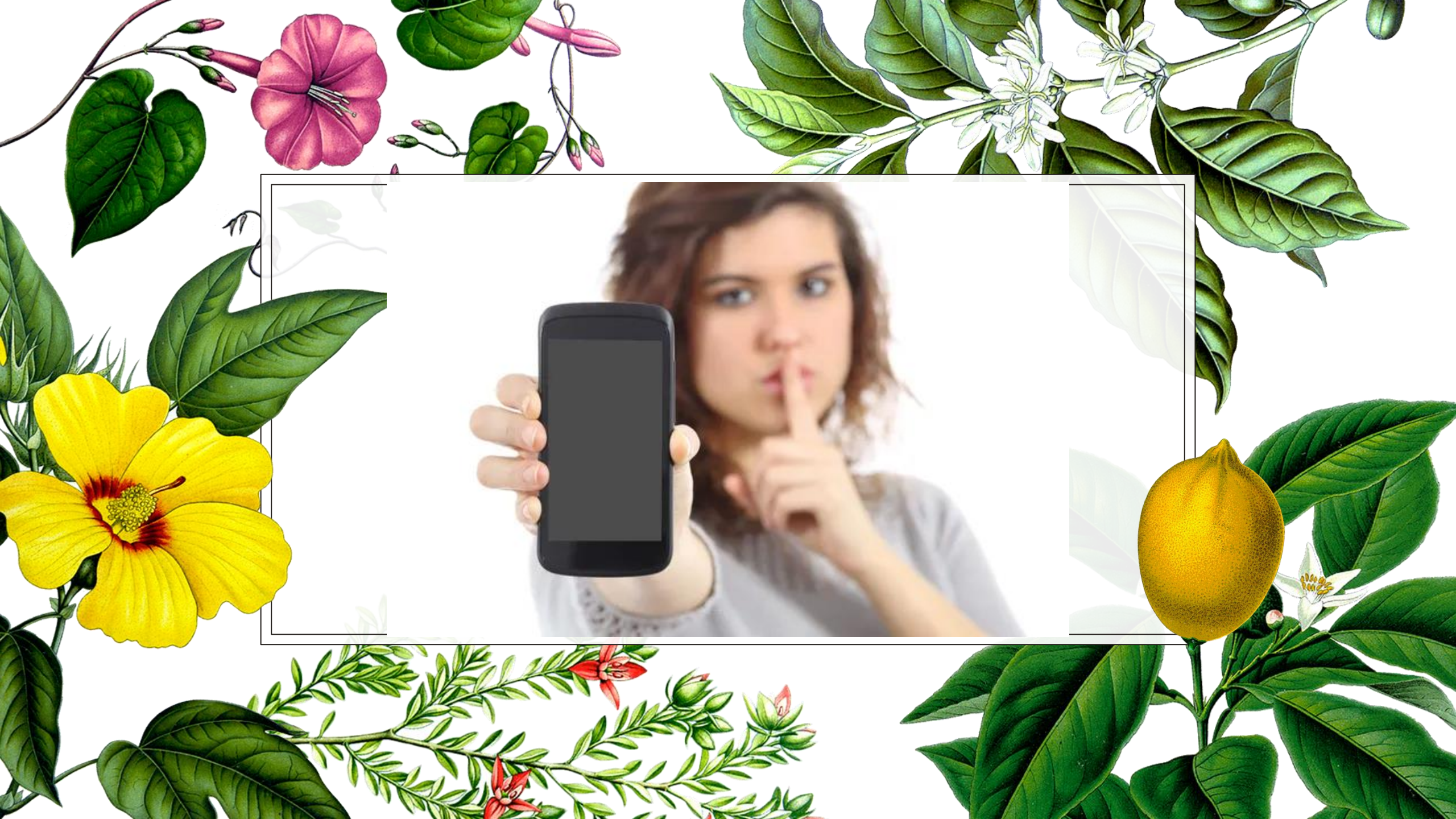
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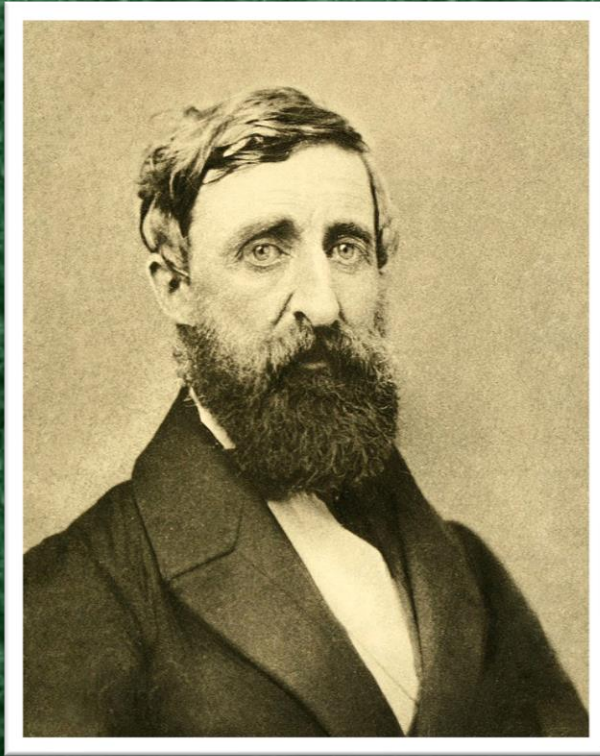
Notes



The image shows the interior of a stone tomb. The walls are constructed from large, rectangular stone blocks. In the center of the back wall, there is a small, rectangular plaque with text. The floor is also made of stone blocks, and a stone slab is visible in the foreground, partially covering the floor. The lighting is dim, creating a somber atmosphere.

2 Timothy 1

Famous Last Words



Thoreau



Joan Crawford



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Famous Last Words



Sedgwick



Bruce

With Regard to Sound Doctrine

- Hold on to it (ch. 1)
- Teach it (ch. 2)
- Abide in it (ch. 3)
- Preach it (ch. 4)

2 Timothy—Paul's Last Words

- 2 Timothy: AD 66-68 (about 4 years after 1 Tim.)
- Paul was executed at the time of Emperor Nero, who died 8 June 68 AD
- Written from prison in Rome (1:17)
- Paul was in chains (1:16).
- Paul's 2nd & last Roman imprisonment

The image shows the interior of the Mamertine Prison in Rome. The walls are made of large, rectangular stone blocks, some of which are weathered and discolored. A stone bench is built into the wall on the right side. In the center of the wall, there is a small, rectangular plaque with Latin text. The floor is made of large, irregular stone tiles. The lighting is warm and focused on the central area.

Mamertine Prison, Rome



What We Know about Timothy

- Was from area of Derbe/Lystra in modern Turkey (Acts 16:1)
- Was the son of a Jewish mother & a Gentile father (Acts 16:1)
- Must have been saved on Paul's 1st missionary journey (Acts 14:6-20)
- Instructed by his mother, Eunice & grandmother, Lois (1:5)
- Had a good reputation among believers (Acts 16:2)
- Joined Paul's team on the 2nd missionary journey (Acts 16:3)

What We Know about Timothy

- Paul considered him to be his beloved spiritual son (1:2).
- Paul prayed for him night & day (2 Tim. 1:3).
- Paul longed to see him when they were apart (2 Tim. 1:4).
- Paul praised his sincere faith & his godly heritage (2 Tim. 1:5).
- Paul challenged him to rekindle his gift & not be afraid (2 Tim. 1:6-7).
- Paul knew him to be caring & unselfish toward others (Php. 2:20-22).

What We Know about Timothy

- Timothy was Paul's right-hand man.
- He served as Paul's representative in Thessalonica (1 Thes. 3:2), Corinth (1 Cor. 4:17), Philippi (Php. 2:19), Berea (Acts 17:14), and Ephesus (1 Tim. 1:3).
- He is mentioned in the opening of several epistles as Paul's companion: 2 Cor 1:1; Php 1:1; Col 1:1; 1 & 2 Thes. 1:1; Phm 1:1.
- He was also imprisoned at some point (Heb. 13:23).

The Conscience (1:3)

- A God-given inner voice that either defends us (when we think we are doing right) or accuses us (when we think we are doing wrong) (Rom. 2:15)
- It's not infallible, but it can be educated.
- Like Paul, we should have a clear conscience before God (1:3; Acts 23:1; 24:16).

Rekindle the Gift of God (1:6)

- Like stirring up coals in a fire—The fire is still there. Cause it to flame. Use it.
- Don't get lazy or complacent.
- Develop & improve your gift.
- Requires discipline and determination.
- See 1 Timothy 4:4; Acts 19:11; Numbers 27:18-20.

Holding on to Sound Doctrine

- 1:7—Don't be afraid.
 - Not fear, but power, love, and sound judgment
- 1:8—Don't be ashamed.
 - 1:5—Lois & Eunice were not ashamed.
 - 1:12—Paul was not ashamed.
 - 1:16—Onesiphorus was not ashamed.
 - 2:15—Be diligent in how you, Timothy, handle God's Word, so you won't need to be ashamed.

Motivation for Holding to Sound Doctrine

- He saved (rescued) us.
- He called us & gave us purpose—a holy calling.
 - Not according to our works, but according to His own plan & grace
 - Given to us in Christ Jesus from all eternity (1:9)
- He gives us eternal life (1:10).

Paul offers himself as Timothy's example.

- He's been true to God's appointment (1:11)—even through persecution (1:12).
- He is not ashamed (1:12).
 - He knows Christ.
 - He is confident that Christ will take care of him in life & in eternity.
 - Literally, "He is able to guard my deposit" (what I have entrusted to Him) = his soul.

Paul offers himself as Timothy's example.

- Timothy should not be ashamed of Paul but share in his suffering (1:8).
- Timothy should follow the pattern of sound teaching that he has heard from Paul (1:13)—hold on to it in Christ's faith & love! (Not free to change the gospel!)
- Timothy should guard the treasure entrusted to him—i.e., the gospel, the sound doctrine—protect it through the Holy Spirit (1:14; Galatians 2:7; 1 Thessalonians 2:4; 1 Timothy 1:11).

Paul offers Onesiphorus as Timothy's example.

- Almost everyone in Asia deserted Paul (1:15).
- Onesiphorus was not ashamed of Paul but sought him out & refreshed him in Rome (1:16-17).
- Onesiphorus was a faithful servant in Ephesus as well.

What We Learn about Jesus in 2 Tim. 1

1. He gives us eternal life (1:1).
2. He gives us grace, mercy, and peace (1:2).
3. He saves us (1:9).
4. He gives our lives purpose (1:19).
5. He abolished death (1:10).
6. He brought immortal life to light through the gospel (1:10).
7. He will protect my salvation (soul) until “that day” (1:12).
8. He is the source of faith and love (1:13).

Important Things to Remember

Believers:

- Stir up your gift (1:6-7). Don't let fear keep you from exercising it.
- Don't be ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ (1:8).
- Know that God has a purpose for your life (1:9).
- Stay true to God's Word (1:13).

Important Things to Remember

Everyone:

- To be “saved” is to be rescued from hell, from the sentence you and I richly deserve (1:9)
- If you are saved, it is not because of your works (1:9).
- It is possible to KNOW God (1:12).