



“Raking is easy, but all you get is leaves; digging is hard, but you might find diamonds.”

- John Piper

Recap:

(1:1-5) Paul writes t(w)o Timothy: *Giving what's been given*

- Do you have intentional spiritually edifying relationships?

(1:6-14) *Do not be ashamed of the gospel*

- Are you actively involved in making Jesus known?

(1:15-18) *Don't desert*

- Do you take the truth seriously?

(2:1-13) *Basic information for gospel workers*

- Do you have an 'end of the book' theology?

(2:14-26) *An approved workman*

- Have assurance that the Lord knows those who are His; from this foundation turn away from wickedness.

(3:1-9) *Godlessness and opposition in the last days*

- Avoiding those who have a form of godliness but deny its power.

(3:10-16) *Continue in what you have learned*

- Keep the gospel central in your thinking.

(4:1-5) *'Keep your head'*

- Change happens through hearing and believing God's Word

I am already being poured out like a drink offering

Bible interpretation

What do we learn about the phrase “*drink offering*” in the...?

1. Local context
2. Same book
3. Author's other books
4. Same Testament
5. Other Testament

*'But even if I am being poured out like a **drink offering** on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you.'* Philippians 2:17.

Exodus 29:38-46

What does this mean for us?

“[Jim] and the other men with whom he died were hailed as heroes, ‘martyrs’. I do not approve. Nor would they have approved. Is the distinction between living for Christ and dying for Him, after all, so great? Is not the second the logical conclusion of the first? Furthermore, to live for God is to die, ‘daily’, as the apostle Paul put it. It is to lose everything that we may gain Christ. It is in thus laying down our lives that we find them.”

Questions

1. In your own words explain what Paul meant by “*I am already being poured out like a drink offering*”?
2. What sacrifice and service is coming from your faith?