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PREFACE

For some reason I have yet to fathom, I have always had an interest in the Pastoral Epistles. I have studied them for years and read whatever articles I could find. And I've always wanted to write more about the discourse structure of these letters.

This short book is not about discourse structure, *per se*, but it is about the grammar and syntax of Second Timothy. It is part of the groundwork for what I hope will be a future project looking at the discourse structure of the Pastoral Epistles.

This material originated as a series of blog posts on PastoralEpistles.com between February and May 2009. In late 2011 I began to revise and edit the material for publication, thinking it might be useful. After a few interruptions, I was able to spend more time on it in January 2012. Then life and a number of other publishing projects intervened. It is only now that I'm able to return to this material.

This is neither a systematic nor an exhaustive look at the syntax and grammar of Second Timothy. There is nothing novel or revolutionary in this book. Instead, it is an honest look at the structures one finds in the Greek of Second Timothy — at least, how I see it.

So this little book isn't really a commentary, though structured like one. It is more of a reading guide, or even a handbook of sorts to consult while examining the Greek of Second Timothy.

I am heavily indebted to my friend and colleague, Steve Runge, for my understanding of conjunctions and how they function in the larger discourse. His book *Discourse Grammar of the Greek New Testament* is perhaps the most valuable book that one could read after taking a year of Greek.

I trust this guide will be helpful to you as you study Second Timothy.

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ABOUT THE TRANSLATION SECTION

The translation section is intended to give a feel of the structure and flow of the section without completely and consistently documenting relationships between each portion. Indentations typically indicate clauses that are in some way subordinate to or dependent on the clause that precedes (or, in some cases, follows); but the indentation also represents prepositional phrases. Many of these are judgment calls and could be interpreted at least one more way. For example, the conglomeration of infinitive and participial clauses in 2Ti 1:3–5 could be represented a few different ways — and it is, check the commentaries by Mounce, Marshall and Knight.

The sections boundaries are primarily taken from Ray Van Neste's work, *Cohesion and Structure in the Pastoral Epistles*. The Greek text used as basis throughout this work is the *The Greek New Testament: SBL Edition* (SBLGNT). The English text is my own translation.