

**Series "Ministry For Difficult Times"**  
**"Preach The Word"**  
**2 Timothy 4:1-5**  
**Study-10**

**Now – 2 Tim 4 – A Charge To Proclaim The Gospel: (Preach It)**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "God's Mandate Is "Preach The Word", Regardless Of Its Expediency, Enduring Hardship, Preaching Evangelistically, Thus Fulfilling Our Ministry"

**1. Verses 1-2 – The Charge To Preach The Word**

**2. Verses 3-4 – The Resistance To Preaching The Word**

**3. Verse 5 – The Commitment To Preaching The Word**

**1. Verses 1-2 – The Charge To Preach The Word:**

2 Tim 4:1

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Paul has charged Timothy 3X in 1 & 2 Timothy.

1. The Charge In Correcting of Ministers: 1 Timothy 5:21
2. The Charge To The Man of God: 1 Timothy 6:13
3. The Charge To Preach The Word: 2 Tim 4:1-2

The Seriousness Of The Charge: "I solemnly charge you" – In pagan Greek, literally "to call gods and men to witness", "to testify earnestly, religiously to charge, followed by an imperative"; Paul is saying "Timothy, you are being placed on the witness stand before God"

2 Corinthians 5:10

1 Timothy 6:15-16

"who is to judge the living" – Rom 1:24 For Believers – Judgment of the Bema Seat, 1 Cor 3:12-15; 2 Cor 5:10. Christians taken in rapture, 1 Thess 4:13-18

2 Timothy 4:8

Non-believers – moment after death (Spirit & Soul) without Jesus means agony (Luke 16:24)

Revelation 19:11-21

“and the dead,” – Revelation 20:11-15

James 3:1

“and by His appearing” – “shining forth”; “and His kingdom”: Rev 19-20, the Second Coming, to everlasting Rev 21-22

2 Tim 4:2

Paul Gives 5 Commands:

1. Preach The Word: “preach the word;” – The term “Preach” means “to herald”; It was used of the Herald or spokesman of the Imperial Emperor, “who was to proclaim accurately the emperor’s message, not adding to, nor omitting, nor improvising, the message which was both formal and grave. It must be listened to; it came from the Emperor thus it carried his authority. The message was then proclaimed in a public gathering which was then to be obeyed at once”

“the word;” – “the whole body of revealed truth, the Scriptures, sound doctrine, the truth, the faith” OT and NT.

Acts 20:27

2. An Urgent Proclamation: “be ready in season” – to be instant, “to stand by, be present, to be at hand, to be ready”

Romans 1:15-16

1 Corinthians 9:16

2 Timothy 2:15

“and out of season;” – (Inconvenient) “inopportune”

3. Correct: “reprove,” – expose, convince, (Intellectual) “to convict of their errors”

John 16:8

Ephesians 5:11

4. Rebuke: “rebuke,” – (Moral) The word implies “a sharp, severe censure or place blame with, possibly of impending penalty” 1 Timothy 5:20

5. Exhort: "exhort," – (Emotional)) "to call to one's side, summon, to beg to urge"

A Patient Proclamation: "with great patience" – longsuffering, endurance

Need to keep a good attitude in our service: 2 Timothy 2:24-25

Intelligent Proclamation: "and instruction." – "careful instruction, whole counsel of God"

Psalm 119:133

## **2. Verses 3-4 – The Resistance To Preaching The Word:**

2 Tim 4:3

"For the time will come" – 1 Tim 4:1-3; 2 Tim 3:1-9

"endure" – "to hold oneself upright or holding on to"

"Sound" – "healthy, wholesome"; English term "hygiene", that which is healthy.

"doctrine;" – "instruction, learning, teaching"

1 Timothy 6:3

"ears tickled," – (itching ears) This means "they place their personal cravings to be gratified over the truth of God's Word"

Acts 17:21

2 Tim 4:4

Jeremiah 5:31

Ezekiel 33:32

2 Thessalonians 2:10-11

"turn aside to myths." – Medical term "to turn or twist out, to wrench out of its proper place as of limbs, to dislocate an arm"

## **3. Verse 5 – The Commitment To Preaching The Word:**

2 Tim 4:5

## Timothy's 4 Obligations:

1. Keep Your Head: "be sober in all things," – metaphor "level-headed, well-balanced, to be calm collected in spirit alert, in control of one's faculties"
2. Endure Hardship: "endure hardship," – "endure afflictions, suffer evils, troubles"; Faithful ministry is costly!

2 Timothy 1:8

3. Be Evangelistic: "do the work of an evangelist," – "one who brings good news" Let your work be evangelistic in character.
4. Fulfill Your Ministry: "fulfill your ministry." – "to give full measure, to bringing to completion"; A ship leaving the harbor with all the sails set!

2 Timothy 4:7

## **Application:**

1. The Charge To Preach The Word Comes With The Greatest Of Motivations, God Sees All, And Is The Judge Of All.
2. We Have An Urgent Proclamation, When Convenient And Inconvenient, Exposing Sin, Rebuking, Encouraging Others With Patience And Instruction.
3. People That Reject The Truth Will Invariably Find Someone That Will Tell Them What They Want To Hear.
4. Committed To Preaching The Word Means Keeping Our Heads, Enduring Hardship, Being Evangelistic, And With Eagerness and wholeheartedness, Fulfilling Our Ministry.