

"The Word"
2 Timothy 4:1-2
Saturday October 19, 2019
CCR Men's Conference, "BE READY"
Session #1 @9:00-9:45 AM

In Paul's last words, his great concern was not for himself, but for the success of the ministry of the Gospel. Timothy had to "Man Up!"

2 Tim 1 – A Charge To Guard The Gospel: Hold On To It

2 Tim 2 – A Charge To Suffer For The Gospel: Teach It

2 Tim 3 – A Charge To Continue In The Gospel: Abide In It

Now, 2 Tim 4 – A Charge To Proclaim The Gospel: Preach It

This letter encourages Christian Pastors and laymen alike to remain faithful to God and His Word, whatever the cost.

Paul emphasizes the Word over and over again. Preaching the Word builds a foundation, enabling one to weather the storms of opposition and false teaching.

Thought Of Our Passage: "God's Mandate Is 'Preach The Word Regardless Of Its Convenience, But Enduring Hardship, Thus Fulfilling Our Ministry.'"

1. Verse 1 – The Charge To Preach The Word

2. Verse 2 – The Essentials To Preaching The Word

1. Verse 1 – The Charge To Preach The Word:

2 Timothy 4:1 – "I solemnly charge you" – Paul just left off with an appeal to Timothy to continue in the Gospel message and concluded as to the message being divine, all inspired and adequate to complete any task of God, 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

"I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus," – Paul has charged Timothy 3X in 1 & 2 Timothy:

1. The Charge In The 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 Timothy 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." The Application: To every pastor, broader sense – all the followers of Jesus Christ are on the stand!"

"in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus," – the fact that God sees all and that we are going to answer to God is a great motivation!

2 Corinthians 5:10

"God and of Christ Jesus" – Paul is declaring Jesus Christ as God!
1 Timothy 6:15-16

"who is to judge the living" – God is actively at work, Romans 1:24,
For Believers – Judgment of the Bema Seat, 1 Corinthians 3:12-15;
2 Corinthians 5:10.

2 Timothy 4:8

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

"and the dead," – Revelation 20:11-15

"and by His appearing" – "shining forth." "and His kingdom:" – This is referring to Revelation 19-20, the Second Coming; to judge the living and the dead to set up His kingdom to usher in the everlasting, Revelation 21-22.

We are to ever keep in mind the present life here and now and the reality of the next.

2. Verse 2 – The Essentials To Preaching The Word:

2 Timothy 4:2

Paul Gives 5 Commands:

- 1. Preach The Word:** "preach the word;" – The #1 Priority Is Preaching The Word, Followed by 4 Essentials. 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.

How can we know the mind of God? It is revealed in Scripture, 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;" the preacher is to be constantly ready to preach the Word.

"in season" – Convenient; "opportune;" the time of favorable. Preaching should always have an urgency! Matter of life and death! Eternity is at stake! Sinners are always in season.

Romans 1:15-16; 1 Corinthians 9:16

2 Timothy 2:15

"and out of season;" – Inconvenient; "inopportune;" the times when people don't want to hear it; teaching portions of Scripture that are not culturally popular.

- 3. Correct:** "reprove," – expose, convince, (Intellectual) "to convict of their errors;" Using the Scriptures to point out sin, the violation of God's will; Discloses the sinfulness of sin.

John 16:8

Don't preach at me! This is Biblical to teach and preach, exposing sin, Ephesians 5:11.

- 4. Rebuke:** "rebuke," – Moral; The word implies "a sharp, severe censure or place blame with possibility of impending penalty;" Sinfulness of the sinner! Need To Personally Repent!
1 Timothy 5:20

- 5. Exhort:** "exhort," – Emotional; "to call to one's side, summon, to beg, to urge." Those that have been reprovved and rebuked need encouragement!

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

Be Spiritual In Our Service: 2 Timothy 2:24-25

Intelligent Proclamation: "and instruction." – "careful instruction, whole counsel of God." Church's ministry is a teaching ministry, must be orthodox!

Psalm 119:133

Application:

1. When We Lose Sight Of The Eternal, We Will Fail In This Present Life. Being Heavenly Minded Is Of Earthly Good.
2. Paul Emphasizes The Word Over And Over Again. Preaching The Word Builds A Foundation, Enabling One To Weather The Storms Of Opposition And False Teaching.
3. Paul Said In 2 Timothy 2:15 – "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth." – This Carries The Idea Of Being Prepared. To Be A Student Of The Word. We Need To Take God's Word Serious And We Should Want To Be As Accurate As Possible.
4. As Man, Make The Church Calendar Your Calendar. Don't Make Commitments That Are In Conflict With The Church's Calendar. That Means Yourself, Or Members Of The Family.