

Preach the Word  
2 Tim 4:1-5  
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Thesis: I want to show the importance of preaching & teaching THE WORD.

- Intro: 1. People today teach and preach all sorts of things, but is it always from God's Word?  
2. What does the Bible say we are to preach?

I. The Charge (v.1-2)

A. Charged before God (v.1)

1. Charge – to attest, testify to, solemnly affirm; to give solemn testimony to one
2. The reason for the charge hasn't changed. Sound, sturdy preaching was needed then and is still needed today.

B. The charge was to preach (v.2)

1. The charge was to preach the word. (**Jer 1:7-8**)
  - a. Preach – to proclaim as a herald
  - b. The Word – a reference to the gospel and all things pertaining to it.
2. In Season and Out of season – when the message is welcomed and when it is not.
3. What preaching has the power to do...
  - a. Convince (or reprove) - by conviction to bring to the light, to expose
  - b. Rebuke – to charge sharply, to reprimand
  - c. Exhort – encourage
4. Teaching and longsuffering go hand in hand **v.2b**

II. The Reason & the Work (v.3-5)

A. The Reason (v.3-4)

1. (v.3) There will be some who will not endure (tolerate) sound teaching.
  - a. **Ezekiel 33:32**
2. As a result they will search out for those who will teach and preach what they agree with.
3. (v.4) – They will turn from the truth that saves to the fables that provide false hope and comfort. (**2 Chron 30:6-10**)

B. The Work (v.5)

1. Those who do the teaching and preaching can especially expect difficulties.
2. An evangelist is one sent on a mission to preach the gospel.  
The mission is to preach. Let God take care of saving, and adding, etc.

III. Lessons for us today.

A. Sound teaching is a requirement

1. Mankind needs to hear the word of God.
2. Without teaching and preaching how will they hear? (**Rom 10:14-15**).
  - a. In order for the message to be heard it must be proclaimed.

B. Hardship commonly accompanies sound teaching

1. The Apostle Paul was familiar with this (**v.17-18a**)
  - a. He endured great hardship but kept his confidence in God.
2. We are not promised sunshine and rainbows on earth, but we are promised heaven (**v.18b**)

Application & Conclusion:

1. There are many fables that go around the religious world (v.4), but so long as we preach and teach “the word” as Paul calls it, we know we are in the right.
2. Remember, we cannot turn to fables without turning away from God.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9