



Part 12: Ready to Preach God’s Word

2 Timothy 4:1-5

1. Why is it tempting for pastors as well as all Christians to ***depend on***: our magnetic personalities, philosophical arguments, friendliness, modern music, and even being cool and hip instead of depending on *the Bible* to influence people to change? _____

a. Fill in the blanks from the “Spiritual Principle” – _____ Scripture God’s _____ regardless of what people want to _____.

2. Read **2 Timothy 4:1-2**. Why is Paul giving Timothy such a serious *charge* to preach the word? _____

a. Why will thinking about judgement day help you when you speak to others about Scripture? _____

b. When Paul tells Timothy to preach “the word”, what precisely is “the word”? And does this include just *part* of the Bible, or *all* of it? Explain. See: **Colossians 1:5; Ephesians 1:13; 1 Peter 1:25**. _____

c. From the sermon, what is unique about the Greek word behind “preaching” compared to “teaching”? _____

d. Why should Christians *typically* avoid “preaching at people” during interpersonal dialogues? And, how would you know if *you* were doing this to others? _____

e. What does **v. 2** mean by being “ready in season and out of season”? _____

f. What practical things will you *avoid* and *do* to obey the command in **v. 2** to “be ready...”?

g. Explain the difference from **v. 2** between: “reprove”, “rebuke”, and “exhort”? _____

3. Read **2 Timothy 4:3-5**. What does it mean to have “itching ears”? _____

a. How would you know if you are coming to church with “itching ears”? _____

b. How can you tell if you are appealing to the “itching ears” of your spouse, kids, extended family, co-workers etc...? _____

c. Why is there a direct connection between the depth of influence Scripture has on you and the depth of influence you’ll have on others with Scripture? _____

d. Practically speaking, how will you grow in doing **v. 5** - “the work of an evangelist”? _____

4. What is exciting about Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) starting a men’s group at our church this October?

a. What role might you play to encourage the growth of this ministry? _____

5. What is your main take away from this teaching? _____
