

L10: 2 Timothy 4:1-8 - Preach the Word

Introduction:

- Suffering
- Examples of godliness
- The Word of God

Preview:

- The Charge
- The Fight, The Course, The Faith
- The Glory

Sermon:

{2Ti 4:1-2} I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

- **"I charge thee"**
 - Marching orders as one that communicates the directives from the superior to the soldiers
- **"before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ"**
 - **"who shall judge the quick and the dead"**
 - **"judge"** - Romans 2
 - **"the quick"** - Romans 4; 1 Corinthians 15
 - **"and the dead"** - Rev. 11:18; 20:5, 12-13
 - **"at His appearing and His kingdom"**
- **"Preach the word"**
 - 1 Timothy 4:13
 - "give attendance to reading" - read
 - "teaching" - instruct the mind
 - "exhortation" - raise the affections; summon the will

□ **2 Cor. 5 - "knowing the terror of the Lord we persuade men"**

- Instruct the mind - only you're a lecturer (classroom, not the pulpit) - one mind to another
 - Ignite the heart - only a devotional speaker, inspirational speaker, life-coach - one heart to another
 - Invite the will - legalistic, telling people what to do with no basis from the word of God - one will to another
- The only one with the full-deck is the expository preacher of the Word of God
- ***"Give me 100 preachers who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God; such alone will shake the gates of hell."***
— John Wesley
- ***"I preached as never sure to preach again, and as a dying man to dying men."***
— Richard Baxter
- **"Be instant in season, out of season"**
 - A preacher who preached the word of God every day and was brought to the authorities to question how much he was preaching.
 - He said I know only to preach but two times, "in season and out of season"
 - There is no better time
 - How people receive it or not
 - No matter the temperature of the culture
 - No fit or suitable time - all the time is suitable
- **"reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."**
 - "reprove" - to blame
 - "rebuke" - to reprehend for a fault
 - "exhort" - to excite to a specific course of conduct
 - "with longsuffering"
 - That which God gives us
 - "doctrine"
 - Teaching, instruction

{2Ti 4:3-4} For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

- **"For the time will come"**

- The reason to preach the word
- **"when they will not endure sound doctrine;"**
 - True, uncorrupt
- **"but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers,"**
 - **"having itching ears"**
 - Deut. 28:27
 - Constant desire - soothe their flesh
- **"and they shall turn away their ears from the truth"**
 - Turn from the truth - preach the word, sound doctrine
 - Turn from the truth, turn to teachers that please their own desires
 - **"and shall be turned unto fables."**
 - 1 Tim. 4:7; 6:20-21
 - A feigned story or tale, intended to instruct or amuse; a fictitious narration intended to enforce some useful truth or precept.

{2Ti 4:5-6} But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

- **"But watch thou in all things"**
 - Be discreet
 - **"endure afflictions"**
 - 2 Timothy 1
 - **"do the work of an evangelist"**
 - Preach the word
 - **"make full proof of thy ministry."** - carry out fully; entirely accomplish
 - Most surely believe
 - Fully persuaded
- **"For I am not ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand."**

{2Ti 4:7-8} I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

- **"I have fought a good fight,"**
 - Rom. 13
 - 2 Cor. 10:3-6

- **"I have finished my course,"**
 - 1 Cor. 1:4-8
 - Php. 1:5-7

- **"I have kept the faith:"**
 - 1 The. 1:3
 - Learn the faith, prove the will of God

- **"henceforth there is laid up for me"**
 - "laid up" - to be reserved; await

- **"a crown of righteousness"**
 - **"which the Lord"**
 - **"the righteous judge,"**
 - **"shall give me at that day:"**

- **"and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing."**
 - 2 Tim. 1:10
 - Tit. 2:13

Conclusion: