

The Urgency of God's Word

1. The Urgency of God's Word outweighs the consequences

Jeremiah 20:7-8 (NLT)

⁷ O Lord, you misled me, and I allowed myself to be misled. You are stronger than I am, and you overpowered me. Now I am mocked every day; everyone laughs at me. ⁸ When I speak, the words burst out. "Violence and destruction!" I shout. So these messages from the Lord have made me a household joke.

2. The Urgency of God's Word should be felt

Jeremiah 20:9 (NLT)

But if I say I'll never mention the Lord or speak in his name, his word burns in my heart like a fire. It's like a fire in my bones! I am worn out trying to hold it in! I can't do it!

1 Peter 3:15 (NLT)

Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.

3. The Urgency of God's Word is fueled by its promise

Jeremiah 20:10-11 (NLT)

¹⁰ I have heard the many rumors about me. They call me "The Man Who Lives in Terror." They threaten, "If you say anything, we will report it." Even my old friends are watching me, waiting for a fatal slip. "He will trap himself," they say, "and then we will get our revenge on him." ¹¹ But the Lord stands beside me like a great warrior. Before him my persecutors will stumble. They cannot defeat me. They will fail and be thoroughly humiliated. Their dishonor will never be forgotten.