

(4:1-5) I solemnly exhort you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by **His appearing and His kingdom**:

preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; correct, rebuke, and exhort, with great patience and instruction. For the time will come when they will not tolerate sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance with their own desires, and they will turn their ears away from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

But as for you, use self-restraint in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

(4:6-8) For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have **loved His appearing**.

(4:10) Demas, having **loved this present world**, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica;

--- Loving this present world v. Loving His appearing ---

### The Kingdom of the World

- **The heart is anchored in what is \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(1 John 2:15-17)
- **Craves \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(2 Timothy 3)
- **Abandons costly commitments when the price is too high.**  
(Mark 10:17-22)
- **Fears standing before our Righteous Judge.**  
(2 Corinthians 5:10) (Romans 2:5-8)
- **Friendship with the world produces \_\_\_\_\_ toward God's priorities.**  
(Romans 8:5-8)
- **Looks for teaching that affirms what their flesh wants to hear.**  
(2 Timothy 4)

### The Kingdom of Christ

- ✓ **The heart is anchored in what is \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(Colossians 3:1-4)
- ✓ **Longs for \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(Philippians 1:21)
- ✓ **Endures hardships, knowing that suffering now is nothing compared to the glory to come.**  
(1 Peter 1:6-7) (2 Corinthians 4:17)
- ✓ **Confident to stand before our Judge because their righteousness is in Christ alone.**  
(Romans 8:1) (2 Cor 5:21) (Phil 3:8-9)
- ✓ **God's priorities \_\_\_\_\_ our lives to live in holiness, honoring God.**  
(Titus 2:11-14) (Romans 12:1-2) (Hebrews 12:14)
- ✓ **Looks for sound doctrine, resulting in a disciplined life in Christ.**  
(2 Timothy 3:16-18)

--- Promoting the cause of Christ ---

1. **The joy of standing before the Righteous Judge one day, is found in \_\_\_\_\_ the Reigning King today.**
2. **Works are not a basis for our acceptance with Christ, but the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of our faith in Christ.**

(4:5) But as for you, use self-restraint in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

- ✓ **“use self-restraint in all things” – \_\_\_\_\_ Christ**
- ✓ **“endure hardship” – \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ**
- ✓ **“do the work of an evangelist” – \_\_\_\_\_ Christ**