

1 I charge 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:

2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season;

reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching,

but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions,

- 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.
- **5** As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

