

**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:

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**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 <mark>evangelist,</mark> fulfill your ministry.

