

Main Service

The Faithful & Final Exhortation

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wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, ⁴and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. ⁵But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

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2 Timothy 1:13

¹³Retain the standard of sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 2:2

²The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

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- **The Theme of 1 Timothy:** A manual for church life
- **The Theme of 2 Timothy:** Ministry as Spiritual Combat

2 Timothy 3:13-17

¹³But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, ¹⁵and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation

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through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

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1 Timothy 5:21

²¹I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of His chosen angels, to maintain these principles without bias, doing nothing in a spirit of partiality.

1 Timothy 6:13-14

¹³I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate, ¹⁴that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

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Kenneth Wuest

“By hearing this term, Timothy would call to mind the Imperial Herald, spokesman of the Emperor, proclaiming in a formal, grave, and authoritative manner which must be listened to, the message which the Emperor gave him to announce. It brought before him the picture of the town official who would make a proclamation in a public gathering. The word is in a construction which makes it a summary command to be obeyed at once. It is a sharp command as in military language...



Kenneth Wuest

...this should be the pattern for the preacher today. His preaching should be characterized by that dignity which comes from the consciousness of the fact that he is an official herald of the King of kings. It should be accompanied by that note of authority which will command the respect, careful attention, and proper reaction of the listeners. There is no place for clowning in the pulpit of Jesus Christ. Furthermore, the preacher as a herald cannot choose his message. He is given a message to proclaim by his Sovereign. If he will not proclaim that, let him step down from his exalted position."

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Preach

Definition: To herald, to proclaim, to announce as a town crier

2 Timothy 2:15

¹⁵Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

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2 Thessalonians 2:10

¹⁰and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

Acts 7:57

⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears and rushed at him with one impulse.

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1 Timothy 1:3

³As I urged you upon my departure for Macedonia, remain on at Ephesus so that you may instruct certain men not to teach strange doctrines,

2 Timothy 3:1-5

¹But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. ²For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, ⁴treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than

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lovers of God, ⁵holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.



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Justin Peters

“Myths are false teachings masquerading as Christian doctrine.”

1 Timothy 4:7

⁷But have nothing to do with worldly fables fit only for old women. On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness;



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¹⁶Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.



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1. Preach the Word (vs. 2)
2. Be ready in every season (vs. 2)

1 Peter 2:9

⁹But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

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2. Be ready in every season (vs. 2)
3. Reprove (vs. 2)

Reprove

Definition: to refute falsehood; to tell people they are wrong or that they have done something wrong.

Ephesians 5:11-12

¹¹Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; ¹²for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret.



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3. Reprove (vs. 2)
4. Rebuke (vs. 2)

Rebuke

Definition: to give a formal, strong disapproval, to warn of an impending penalty.

Titus 1:9

⁹holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

Titus 2:15

¹⁵These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

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5. Exhort, with great patience and instruction (vs. 2)
 - encouragement, comfort, refreshment – all in the form of a gentle entreaty, a verbal summons, a TENDER EXHORTATION towards truth.

Martin Loyd Jones

“Biblical preaching is a guide and corrective for the sheep, as well as a balm to the soul. We must not beat the sheep, but correct and feed them in love with longsuffering.”

2 Timothy 2:24-25

²⁴The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, ²⁵with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth,

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6. Be sober minded (vs. 5)
 - Alertness, serious thoughtfulness, dignity, watchfulness



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2 Timothy 1:8

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God,

2 Timothy 2:3

³Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.



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2 Timothy 3:12

¹²Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

2 Timothy 2:8-10

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship even to imprisonment as a criminal; but the word of God is not imprisoned.

¹⁰For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and

2 Timothy 2:8-10

with it eternal glory.



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7. Endure hardship (vs. 5)
8. Do the work of an evangelist (vs. 5)

Evangelist

Definition: one who announces glad tidings; a messenger of the Gospel; preacher of the good news.

- This was once the ministry of angels (Lk. 2:10, Matt 1:21)
- This is now the ministry of men (Acts 10, 2 Cor. 5:20, Eph. 4:11)



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9. Fulfill your ministry (vs.5)

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Application:

- Give thanks to God for the ministry of truth
- Don't compromise your ministry

