

BIBLICAL AUTHORITY

2 Timothy 4:1-5

XX – Of Biblical Authority

These statements of what we believe do not exhaust the extent of our faith. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and proper conduct of humanity, is the final source and arbiter of our belief and practice. For the purposes of church doctrine, practice, policy and discipline, our board of elders has the final interpretive responsibility of the Bible's meaning and application.

I. PREACH THE WORD

4 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.

II. PRIORITIZE THE WORD

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.

2 Timothy 4:3–4

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Four Steps towards Spiritual Drift:

Step 1: “Will not endure sound teaching”

Step 2: “Having itching ears”

*Step 3: “Will accumulate for themselves teachers
to suit their own passions”*

*Step 4: “Will turn away from listening to the truth
and wander off into myths”*

III. PERSEVERE IN THE WORD

⁵ But as for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

“If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our dead bodies. And if they perish, let them perish with our arms wrapped about their knees, imploring them to stay. If Hell must be filled, let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go unwarned and un-prayed for.” Charles Spurgeon

Resist the drift; be faithful in the Word.

