

Final Words

2 Timothy 4:1-8

A Final Command

(2 Tim 4:1-4)

- Placed under a solemn oath, Timothy must...
 - Preach: Publicly proclaim the Gospel
 - Be ready: Prepared for action
 - Reprove: Expose wrong thinking
 - Rebuke: Warn against wrong behavior
 - Exhort: Show a path forward
- Carefully and doctrinally: Sharing the whole counsel of God
- Why? Because all are tempted to embrace deception

Final Exhortations to a Minister of Christ

(2 Tim 4:5)

- Live in contrast to those who have rejected sound doctrine

A Final Reflection

(2 Tim 4:6-8)

- Paul's grand summary of a Christian life well lived
- Do you face death with a glorious expectation?

For Life Group Discussion

2 Timothy 4:1-8

1. How do you want to be remembered after you die? How are those values reflected in your life now? Does anything need to change?
2. Read Mat 28:18-20; Lk 24:46-48; Jn 20:21; and Acts 1:8. Are these commands directed to all Christians? If so, then in what way are they a binding oath, just like 2 Tim 4:1-2 was for Timothy?
 - How can you humbly and helpfully demand/encourage this emphasis from your church Elders?
 - Is this same emphasis on the formative aspects of the Word your default for life? Give practical examples
 - Are you ready to present the Gospel when called upon? Will you do it now, in front of your group? If not, why not?
4. Read 2 Tim 4:3-4 and note Paul's emphasis on the truth. Also read Jude 3. Do you agree that historic Creeds and Confessions can help us stay anchored to Biblical truth? If so, how? If not, why not?
5. Read Paul's self-evaluation and note his longing for heaven in 2 Tim 4:6-8. Do you aspire to that same legacy? Do you eagerly anticipate the day you stand before the Righteous Judge?