

# The Very Next Thing

## Part 5

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I **SLIDE** Video about Catholic School - be careful how we present the truth

II **SLIDE** Our Mission

A) **2 Timothy 4:1-2 (NIV)** <sup>1</sup> In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, <sup>2</sup> Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction.

- 1) Preach with great patience and with sound doctrine
- 2) Correct, rebuke, and encourage out of love and not out of anger or vengeance

B) **SLIDE** Our ministry

- 1) **Matthew 5:9 (NIV)** [Jesus said,] <sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.
- 2) **2 Corinthians 5:17-20 (NIV)** <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

III **SLIDE** Prepare Now for....

A) **2 Timothy 4:3-5 (NIV).** <sup>3</sup> For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what

their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup> They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. <sup>5</sup> But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

- 1) **SLIDE** Who are "they" about whom Paul speaks? Christians
- 2) They will not put up the sound doctrine of Jesus Christ, the only truth that can save us and redeem us
- 3) People will seek a doctrine that fits their own desires
- 4) We can see this daily
- 5) Again, Paul is warning us not to fall into this trap
- 6) We can feel the temptation to seek a truth that fits our desires of hate, love, anger, lust, selfishness, etc.
- 7) Paul is speaking of believers
- 8) If believers forsake sound doctrine, then who will be left to reconcile people to God
- 9) **SLIDE Matthew 24:24 (NIV)** [Jesus said,] <sup>24</sup> **For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect--if that were possible.**
- 10) We need to be grounded solidly in His word so that we do not stray from the sound doctrine of Jesus Christ
- 11) Paul speaks of a time when people will seek instruction, teaching that is more comfortable to their wishes and feelings
- 12) We see this tendency sweeping through our college campuses
- 13) I have to be aware of this when I listen to the news or read stories
- 14) I gravitate toward those who tickle my ears and shy away from those who do not
- 15) However, that is not how we discover the truth
- 16) We are seeing in our time when people gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear
- 17) If I preach in favor of our right to bear arms because I know the majority of this church agrees, then I am tickling your ear

- 18) If I use the scriptures to defend a stance against sin to get Amens from you, then I am tickling your ear
- 19) If we bring in guest speakers who will back up our beliefs, then we are dangerously close to having our ears tickled
- 20) **SLIDE** Instead, we are to seek those who speak the truth because it is the truth
- 21) The truth should challenge, change, correct, rebuke, sharpen and encourage us
- 22) The truth does not tickle our ears
- 23) This may sound simplistic, but any message that is based soundly on the Bible should be able to be preached in any church in any denomination
- 24) If any of you respond with an "Amen" to this message or any message, it should be because you agree with the truth of Jesus Christ and not with me

B) They will seek myths

- 1) One day is like a 1,000 to God; therefore, creation could have lasted 6,000 years, allowing for evolution
- 2) Our final resting place is determined by our intentions and not by our actions
- 3) New revelation allows us to "update" the Bible so it is more applicable to our lives today
- 4) Hell is only a holding place until we can find our way to heaven
- 5) You do not have to take the Bible literally to believe in Jesus
- 6) We are not under the law; therefore, we are free to do as we please
- 7) Sin is no longer sin; instead, sin is often the result of our prejudices

C) **SLIDE**<sup>5</sup> But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

- 1) We are to keep our heads

- 2) We are to keep sober, clearheaded, not muddled by false doctrine or our itching ears
- 3) Keep our heads so we do not engage in frivolous discussions or arguments
- 4) Keep our heads so we will not be bated into a trap
- 5) We are to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry
- 6) When we do speak, we are to speak with patience and sound doctrine
- 7) **SLIDE** We endure hardships because if we will not listen to false doctrines and if we will keep our heads, we will encounter hardships
- 8) We are to do the work of one who proclaims the gospel
- 9) We are to discharge all the duties of our ministries
- 10) We all have a ministry
- 11) We all have duties associated with those ministries
- 12) We are not to leave our work for someone else

#### IV Mother's Day

##### A) Motherhood

- 1) This is another part of life that has given way to myths
- 2) No need for a father
- 3) No need for a marriage
- 4) Raise a child in the way you want him/her to be raised
- 5) Don't spank your child; reason with your child
- 6) Don't let your children fail as it might hurt their self-esteem
- 7) Motherhood via social media
- 8) Sexuality educator Deanne Carson stated that parents should ask their babies for consent before changing their diapers.

##### B) Motherhood

- 1) Instituted by God
- 2) Instructed by God