

“Timothy’s Charge”

2nd Timothy 4:1-5 Study Guide

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Background and Theme

1. **Author:** The Apostle Paul
2. **Date Written:** 67 AD
3. **Audience:** Timothy
4. **Themes in 2nd Timothy:**
 - Order in the Church
 - Truth of God’s Word
 - Encouragement for the Church

I. The Charge Given

- **Key Word:** Preach - “kēryssō” (Greek)
- **Meaning:** To herald, or to proclaim authoritatively

II. The Challenge Ahead

III. The Charge Reinforced

Verses Referenced: Acts 6:3-4, 2nd Timothy 3:16-17, 1st Peter 5:2,

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

1. Paul called for Timothy to prioritize the preaching of God's word over everything else. Why do you think Paul called for this prioritization over other aspects of Timothy's pastoral ministry?
2. Paul also called for Timothy to be ready to preach, "in season, and out of season." Do you think being ready to share the word of God at any time only applies to pastors, or to all believers as well? *Discuss your thoughts with others.*
3. Paul warned Timothy of people walking away from the truth of the word of God, and those teaching it faithfully, to seek after counterfeit "truths." Have you seen this in your lifetime as a believer, and do you believe we will continue to see it as time continues on?
4. In light of people in the church departing from the truth, Paul called for Timothy to endure. Looking again at verse 5, how do you believe you can live a life of endurance for the Lord amongst so much opposition?

This week, re-read 2nd Timothy 4:1-5 and pray through the truths you find while reading. Find someone to discuss these verses with, and share the word with someone you don't know as well.

Notes:

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