

## PREACHING GOD'S WORD IN THE LAST DAYS (2 Timothy 4:1-5)

### I. INTRODUCTION TO 2 TIMOTHY (1:1-5)

### II. FAITHFULNESS AMIDST AFFLICTION (1:6–2:13)

### III. FAITHFULNESS AMIDST APOSTASY (2:14–4:8)

#### A. Responding to False Teaching & Teachers (2:14-26)

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#### E. Preaching God's Word in the Last Days (4:1-5)

#### 1. CHARGES for Ministry in the Last Days (4:1-2)

(a) All believers in Christ, and especially pastor-teachers, are given an exhortation (*diamartyromai*) in v. 1, as though we are in a \_\_\_\_\_ testifying before \_\_\_\_\_.

- *Who are the witnesses before whose presence we must give an account?*

(b) The reason for this charge is the \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives as church-age believers that will occur in conjunction with Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_.

- *Which judgment is this & what will it involve?*

(c) Pastor-teachers (primarily) are charged to:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (*kerysso*) the Word.

- *What does this involve & not involve?*
- *Why is this to be proclaimed & what advantages does this have?*

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ (*ephistēmi*) to proclaim God's Word at all times.

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ (*elegchō*) and \_\_\_\_\_ (*epitimaō*). (1 Tim. 5:20; Titus 1:9, 13; 2:15)

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ (*parakaleō*). (1 Thess. 5:14; 1 Tim. 6:2)

- *What is to accompany each of these activities? (1 Tim. 1:16; 2 Tim. 3:10)*

## 2. CHURCH CONDITIONS in the Last Days (4:3-4)

(a) The time to come that Timothy was to watch for refers to the \_\_\_\_\_. (4:3 cf. 3:1)

(b) This time will be characterized by a \_\_\_\_\_ (active voice) of truth and sound doctrine, which will be \_\_\_\_\_ (passive voice) with fables or myths.

- *What determines the spiritual diet a person or congregation receives?*
- *What will characterize false teachers of the last days? (Rom. 16:17-18; 2 Peter 2:3, 18; Jude 16)*

## 3. CONCLUDING COMMANDS for the Last Days (4:5)

*In these last days, ministers for Christ must:*

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ (*nephō*) in all things.

(b) \_\_\_\_\_ (*kakopatheō*).

(c) engage in \_\_\_\_\_ (*euangelistēs*).

(d) \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_.

- *How does all this apply to us as a local church?*