

2 Timothy 4:1-8 Preach the Word

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: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For 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, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

The Imperative That Was Given To Timothy (v1, 2, 5)

In light of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and dead (v1)

In season and out of season (v2)

Reprove, rebuke and exhort (v2)

With complete patience (v2)

Sober-minded (v5)

Endure Suffering (v5)

Do the work of an evangelist (v5)

Fulfill your ministry (v5)

Reason 1 Why The Imperative Was Given: The People Will Not Endure Sound Doctrine (v3-4)

Reason 2 Why The Imperative Was Given: Paul Was About to Depart (v6-8)

Conclusion

Reflection Questions

1. For Project Servants and staff who are here for a certain period of time, how do you ensure that sharing the word is not just for 'this season'?
2. For staff and volunteers who have been working with some students for a while and do not see progress, or those of you who are growing tired in the gospel ministry, what will motivate you to carry on?
3. Do we love the Lord's appearing? How are we preparing for His appearing?