

Take 5!

5 Verses, 5 Questions, 5 Minutes

Preach the Word!

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Please take a moment and ask the Father to forgive you of any sin and prepare your heart to partake of the truth of His Holy Word.

Now please read 2 Timothy 4:1-5.

What charge is given in verse 2?

We are told to preach the Word. In order to preach the Word we must first know the Word!

Please list all the action verbs in verse 2:

I love the KJV's rendering of verse 2:

"Preach the word; be *instant* in season..." (emphasis mine).

Now let's consider the verbs from verse 2 for a moment.

Preach: to officiate as a herald, to proclaim openly, to publish, to proclaim with gravity and authority in a manner which must be listened to and obeyed.

Convince: to convict, refute, confute, bring to the light, expose.

Rebuke: to admonish or charge sharply, to show *honor* to (emphasis mine)

Exhort: to encourage, strengthen, instruct, teach, to call to one's side, to comfort.

God has given the job of teaching the truth of His Holy Word in an encouraging, honoring and authoritative manner to all believers.

According to verses 3 and 4, why do we need to be prepared to teach God's Word at any moment?

Because the time is fast approaching when people will not tolerate hearing the truth and it is God's will that not one should perish.

What four commands are we given in verse 5?

We are to: be **watchful** (calm, sober collected in spirit), **endure afflictions** (to suffer evils, hardships and trials), do the **work of an evangelist** (those who are not apostles, but preach the way to salvation), and **fulfill our ministries** (the service of any who are endowed by God to labor to promote the cause of Christ).

Which definition resonates the most with your heart at this season of life?

As you go forth this day, ask God to give you the strength you need to be calm in spirit, to faithfully endure, to preach salvation to those you around you, to use your special gifts to take make disciples, to bring glory to God and serve the body of Christ.

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