

2 Timothy

CHAPTER 4:1-5

Lesson 21

Paul begins this chapter with the words, *I charge you*. Paul's *charge* to Timothy was to *preach the word*. The verses that follow amplify on the proper and improper ways to do that. This is a charge to all believers who desire to rightly reflect God's word and to discipline their ears to discern the truth of God's word from error.

Read 2 Timothy 4:1-5

1. Read through this week's verses using at least two different Bible translations or paraphrases. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they are about?
2. The term of conclusion, *therefore*, is used in verse 1. Record what the conclusion is based upon.
3. The contrasting word, *but*, is used two times in these five verses. Choose one instance of its use and record what is being contrasted.

Read 2 Timothy 4:1

1. Paul began this section with the strong words, *I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ*. Why do you think Paul used such strong words?

2. What did Paul declare about Jesus?

3. Using your own words, define the word *judge*.

4. What do the following verses reveal about this judgment?

Acts 10:42

Psalm 96:13

Revelation 20:11-15

5. In contrast to judgment, what can the believer expect?

Psalm 17:15

Colossians 3:4

1 John 3:2

6. In what ways do you relate to Paul's statement in Titus 2:13?

7. What are you most looking forward to about being a part of God's *kingdom*?

Read 2 Timothy 4:2

1. The *charge* of verse 1 is revealed in verse 2. What did Paul *charge* Timothy to do?
2. The *charge to preach the word* is followed by components of this preaching. Next to each, record the Scripture that amplifies the *charge*, along with any thoughts you might have.

be ready in season and out of season: Acts 20:18-21 (consider Paul's example)

convince: John 16:8 (speaking about the Holy Spirit)

rebuke: Luke 9:54-56

Colossians 1:28

exhort: 1 Thessalonians 2:11

with all longsuffering: Ephesians 4:2

with all teaching (doctrine): Acts 2:42

- a. Which of these do you find most personally challenging? Why?

Read 2 Timothy 4:3,4

1. In contrast to *preaching the word*, there will be those who not only teach falsely, but willingly listen to false teaching. As you did for verse 2, record the Scripture that amplifies the teaching and listening of these people, along with any thoughts you may have.

they will not endure sound doctrine: I Kings 22:8

they teach/listen according to their own desires: 2 Timothy 3:6

they have itching ears: Acts 17:21

they heap up for themselves teachers: Jeremiah 23:16

they turn their ears away from the truth: Zechariah 7:11

they turned aside to fables: 2 Peter 1:16

- a. Describe the kind of teaching that appeals to our flesh.

Read 2 Timothy 4:5

1. Paul charged Timothy to be different from those described in verses 3,4. Following the instructions from the previous verses, record the Scripture that amplifies the teaching and listening of these people, along with any thoughts you may have.

be watchful in all things: 1 Thessalonians 5:6

endure afflictions: 2 Timothy 1:8

do the work of an evangelist: 1 Timothy 4:15,16

fulfill your ministry: Colossians 4:17

- a. Summarize Paul's instructions to Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:5

