

Text: 2 Timothy 4:1-5
Topics: Calling, Preaching, Word of God
Series: Fulfilling Our Calling

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The Main Thing

I. The Relating of a Charge (1-2)

This heaviness of the charge...

The heart of the charge: Preach the Word...

The how of the charge: be ready... reprove...rebuke...exhort...

The constant focus of the pastor's ministry must be the teaching and application of Biblical truth to life.

II. The Reason for the Charge (3-4)

The times will be unfolding...

The people will be unwilling...

It is important that Biblical truth is taught before people are unwilling to hear it!

II. The Return to the Charge (4-5)

The contrast noted...

The characteristics needed...

The pastor's calling requires constant attention to ministry of the Word.

I too need Christ's help to fulfill my Christian calling, and He gives it!

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Read 1 Timothy 4:13-16. What did Paul tell Timothy to pay special attention to in his ministry? Why? What would be difficult about doing this?

What did Paul tell Timothy to pay attention to in verses 7-8? What would be the relationship of this to verses 13-16?

Have you seen a pastor who ignored one or both of the instructions above? What effect did it have on his life, the messages he gave, and the church?

How can a church help their pastor pay attention to these instructions?

2. Read 1 Timothy 5:17-18. What is the instruction given and to whom does it apply? Why would this be important?

Can you think of a situation in which this instruction was not followed? What was, or what could be, the end result?

3. Read 1 Kings 22:1-33. What kinds of responses to what God has to say do King Ahab & King Jehoshaphat illustrate?

Do you see similar responses to God's Word in our world? Give an example.

Have you responded, or felt pressure, in a similar way? Give an example.

4. What important part of disciple-making does Jesus give in Matthew 28:20?

How has your church and/or an individual effectively done this in your life?

How could it be done better?

5. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?