

PAUL'S FINAL CHARGE TO TIMOTHY Pt. 1

(2 Timothy 4:1-5)

I. MARKS OF THE FAITHFUL PREACHER (4:1-5)

A. Timothy's COMMISSION before the Lord (4:1-2)

1. Realizing that in all probability this would be his final words to his spiritual son, Paul gave him a solemn _____, a _____ that he fully expected him to obey. (4:1a)
2. The apostle reminded Pastor Timothy that the Father and the Son were intently _____ his _____. (2 Tim. 4:1b; 1 Tim. 6:13-14)
3. All of us need the constant reminder that Jesus Christ is the final Judge of both the living and the dead; He will _____ our _____ at His Bema Seat. (2 Tim. 4:1c; 1 Cor. 3:12-15; 2 Cor. 5:10)
4. The noun translated "*appearing*" (*epiphaneia*) was only used by Paul; once of Christ's 1st Advent (2 Tim. 1:10), once of His 2nd Advent (2 Thess. 2:8), and four times when referring to the _____ of the _____ (2 Tim. 4:1d, 8; 1 Tim. 6:13-14; Titus 2:13).

* What is telling about the grammatical construction of the words "*will judge*"?

5. Paul describes two events, "*His appearing*" foretells the Rapture (1 Thess. 4:13-18), and "*His kingdom*" speaks of those believers who will _____ with Him on the _____. (Matt. 25:31-33; Ps. 2:10-12; Rev. 3:21; 5:10; 20:4-6)

6. By way of application, the apostle gives all pastors in ministry five commands in rapid fire succession, delivered with the force of a military order...

a. *Preach the Word!*

* What is conspicuously missing from the preacher's menu here?

b. *Be ready in season and out of season.*

c. *Convince,*

d. *rebuke,*

e. *exhort...*

7. The pastor must resist every human temptation to be _____ with people; "*longsuffering*" is one of the nine aspects of the Fruit of the Spirit. (Gal. 5:22-23; Rom. 2:3-4)

8. In order for the correction to be _____ and then _____, it must be accompanied by "*teaching*" or instruction from God's written Word. (4:2)

* What does this say about human persuasiveness verses 2 Timothy 4:2?

* How can you apply this passage in your own life?