

PAUL'S FINAL CHARGE TO TIMOTHY Pt. 2

(2 Timothy 4:1-5)

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

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

B. The URGENCY of Timothy's commission (4:3-4)

1. The reason for Paul's charge for Timothy's present diligence in preaching the Word (verses 1-2) is made from the _____ of a _____ spiritual future.

2. The "*they*" of v. 3 is not speaking of the world in general, but an attitude which will encompass professing _____. (4:3a)

3. The time will come when Christians will not _____ sound doctrine, because its demands are not in accordance with their own _____. (4:3b)

4. These Christians' _____ reaction to sound, healthy, practical doctrine will lead them to a course of action to search for a church that is less _____, but more entertaining, more lenient in its teaching.
 - a. The primary reason for these Christians' intolerance towards sound truth is _____ the fault of the faithful preachers teaching the Word of God, but it is the _____ of the _____.

 - b. It is because "*they have itching ears*" an unsatisfied craving that _____ them for the _____ and _____, they will gather around them teachers which satisfies their yearnings.

 - c. This is a flat out _____ of the sacred truths delineated in the Scriptures, and it is traded for _____ - _____ thinking.

5. These Christians will _____ “*turn their ears away from the truth*” (fut/act/indic), most likely because the Bible is too restrictive to their _____ understanding. (4:4a)

* How many times has Paul mentioned “*truth*” in this letter?

6. Because of this _____ embrace of various lies and falsehoods, they will “*be turned aside*” (fut/pass/indic); they will ultimately be _____ by the false doctrine. (4:4b)

C. Paul’s final words to his son Timothy regarding MINISTRY (4:5)

1. As the executioner’s axe loomed large, Paul was _____ asking Timothy to do anything that his own personal _____ did not already exemplify.

2. “*But you*” once again contrasts Timothy with the people who were making _____ choices, which ultimately leads to despicable _____. (2 Tim. 3:10, 14; 4:1, 5)

3. In Paul’s very last exhortation to Pastor Timothy (4:5), the apostle charged him to...
 - a. *be* _____ *in all things*,

 - b. _____ *afflictions*,

 - c. *do the work of an* _____,

 - d. _____ *your ministry*.

* How can you apply these verses in your own life?