

SECOND TIMOTHY

THE LAST WORDS
OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

“The Work of An
Evangelist”
(2 Timothy 4:1-5)



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- Trusting in God's grace, mercy and peace in the midst of trials, staying true to the scriptures (1:2,3).
- Concern and support for those who contend for the faith (1:4)
- Genuine faith is gained from God's word (1:5; 2 Tim 3:15)
- Fulfilling our duties to God (1:6)
- Faith extinguishes fear (1:7)
- The Value of Being Committed To The Lord, No Matter The Cost" (1:8-12)
- Hold Fast The Pattern (1:13,14)
- Disloyalty vs. Friendship (1:15-18)
- Grace Includes Keeping Rules! (2:1-7)
- Need Endurance & Faithfulness (2:8-13)
- Workers Approved & Honorable Vs. Rejected & Devil Enslaved (2:14-26).

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■ CHAPTER 3

- ▶ (1) Warning of future Perilous Times (3:1-9)
- ▶ (2) Paul—An Example of Endurance (3:10-13);
- ▶ (3) The Scriptures—Our Safeguard (3:14-17).

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■ CHAPTER 4

- ▶ (1) Paul's Final Charge to Timothy - His Duty As A Preacher (4:1-5)
- ▶ (2) Paul's Triumph & Farewell (4:6-8)
- ▶ (3) Personal Matters (4:9-22).

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THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CHARGE



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■ “I CHARGE YOU THEREFORE”

◆ “**charge:**” — “to state something in such a way that the auditor is to be impressed with its seriousness. ... (2) to exhort with authority in matters of extraordinary importance, freq. w. ref. to higher powers and/or suggestion of peril, *solemnly urge, exhort, warn*” [BDAG]

◆ Indicates the importance and seriousness of what Paul was about to say. (cf. 1 Tim. 5:21)

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- **“BEFORE GOD AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST”**
- **“before God and the Lord Jesus Christ:”** — This expression adds even more solemnity to Paul’s words that follow.
- Lenski argues “the translation should read ‘Our God, even Christ Jesus,’”
- There are verses in which the word “God” clearly applies to Christ (Acts 20:28; Heb. 1:8).

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- ◆ “who will judge the living and the dead” —
 - ▶ Jesus will judge all men. (cf. John 5:22; Acts 17:31; Rom. 2:16).
 - ▶ Those found alive when Jesus comes again, and the dead are those who shall be raised from the grave at his coming (1 Thess. 4:15-18; 1 Cor. 15:51).

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■ “at His appearing and His kingdom:” —

- ▶ “His appearing” (Acts 1:9; 1 Thess. 4:15- 18; 2 Thess. 1:10; Rev. 1:7).
- ▶ “His kingdom” — the eternal phase of the kingdom which now exists and of which all Christians are members, and over which Christ now reigns (Col. 1:13; Heb. 12:28, 29; Rev. 1:9; 1 Cor. 15:22-28).

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THE DUTY OF THE PREACHER



■ “PREACH THE WORD!”

■ “PREACH” — *kērussō* (κηρύσσω, 2784) signifies (a) “to be a herald,” or, in general, “to proclaim,” e.g., ... of the ministry of the Scriptures, with special reference to the gospel. [VINES]

■ All the weight of verse 1 bears on this entreaty. Paul could hardly have emphasized the matter more strongly. Because the Word is inspired and profitable for all aspects of the ministry, proclaiming that Word was to be Timothy’s business

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““That pattern involves preaching with dignity and a seriousness that commands the respect of the audience, being commensurate with the fact that preachers are the heralds of the King of kings, and that their message is indeed grave, authoritative, involving the eternal destiny of mankind in heaven or hell. Such preaching precludes pretty little sermonettes designed to please people rather than God, entertaining the audience with anecdotes, political issues, current events, philosophizing, etc. Furthermore, it demands a full proclamation of the whole counsel of God, without any addition or subtraction (Acts 20:27; 2 John 9; Deut. 4:2). (pg. 221,222)

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■ “PREACH THE WORD!”

- “Be ready in season and out of season” — (eukairos) “opportune” and (akairos) “inopportune — whether circumstances are favorable or unfavorable.
- Marshall Keeble is reported as saying, “*Preach it when they like it and when they don’t like it.*”
- The responsibility of this charge is too serious, time is too precious for apathy in any measure, souls are at stake, and their eternal destiny depends on it (cf. Eph. 5:15, 16).

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■ “PREACH THE WORD!”

◆ “Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching” —

- ▶ CONVINCe (reprove) *elencho* (ἐλέγχω, 1651) — “to convict, confute, refute,” usually with the suggestion of putting the convicted person to shame ...” [VINES]
- ▶ REBUKE *epitimaō* (ἐπιτιμάω, 2008), ... (b) to adjudge, to find fault with, rebuke; hence to charge, or rather, to charge strictly (*epi*, intensive), [VINES]
- ▶ EXHORT *parakaleō* (παρακαλέω, 3870), denotes “to call to one’s side,” hence, “to call to one’s aid.” [VINES]

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■ “PREACH THE WORD!”

- ◆ “Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching” —
- ▶ LONG-SUFFERING *makrothumia* (μακροθυμία, 3115) — “a state of emotional calm in the face of provocation or misfortune and without complaint or irritation—‘patience.’” [Lou-Nida]
- ▶ “L.S. is to be maintained against the temptation to anger presented by the obstinacy and perverseness of certain hearers; such is to be met, not merely with rebuke, but also with sound and reasonable instruction in the truth.” [Vincent]

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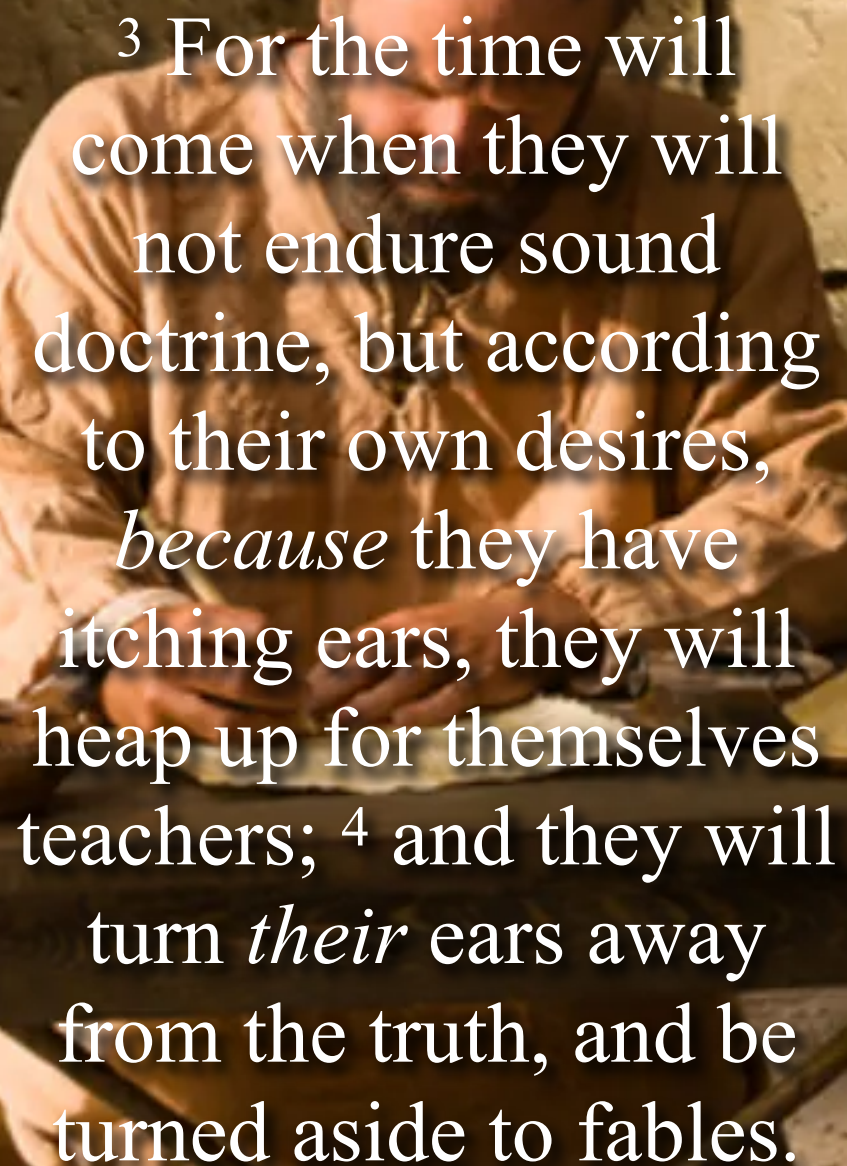
■ “PREACH THE WORD!”

- ◆ “Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching” —
- ▶ TEACHING (doctrine) *didache* (διδασκία, 1322), — denotes “teaching,” either (a) that which is taught, e.g., Matt. 7:28, kjv, “doctrine,” rv, “teaching”; Titus 1:9, rv; Rev. 2:14–15, 24, or (b) the act of teaching, instruction, [VINES]
- ▶ Would include teaching about practical living; what constitutes moral purity or sinful impurity; the attitudes we are to cultivate; theological truth; soteriology; eschatology; ecclesiology; etc.

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2 Timothy 4:3–4 (NKJV)



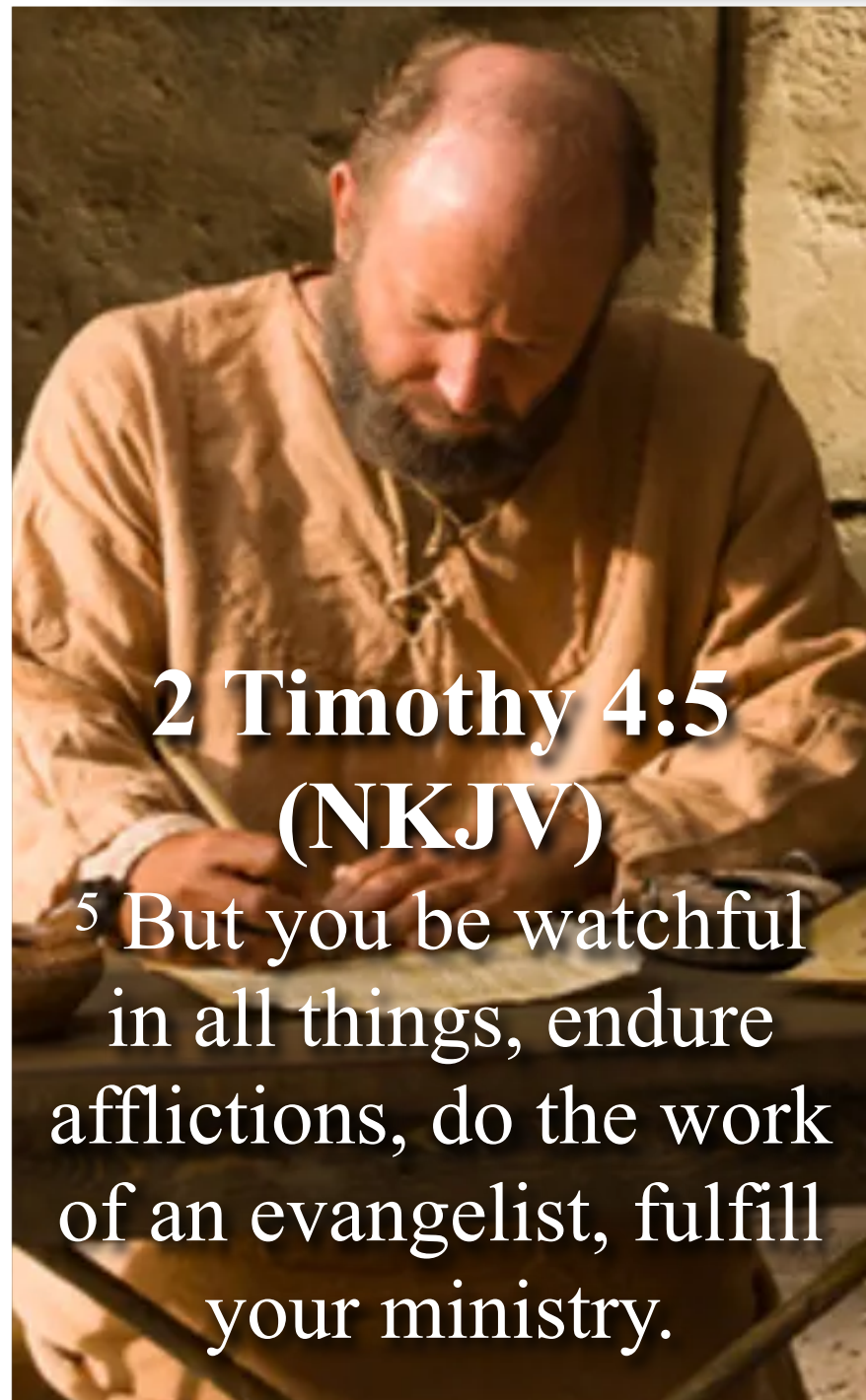
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- ◆ “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine” —
 - ▶ Paul’s main focus in this passage is on the inclinations of the audience rather than his typical focus on false teachers (cf. 2 Tim. 3:6–7; Gal. 1:10).
 - ▶ “**the time will come**” when men will reject sound (healthy) teaching (cf. 1 Tim. 1:10; 6:3; 2 Tim. 1:13; Titus 1:9, 13; 2:8)
 - ▶ Instead ... they would seek out **teachers** who would tell them what they want to hear (cf. Jer. 5:30, 31; Rom. 1:18–32; 2 Thes. 2:10–12).

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THINGS NECESSARY TO FULFILLING DUTY



**2 Timothy 4:5
(NKJV)**

⁵ But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

■ **“PREACH THE WORD!”**

- **“But you be watchful in all things”** — “to be in a sober mood, to be calm and collected in spirit, to be temperate, dispassionate, circumspect, alert” (Wuest).
- **“endure afflictions”** — Afflictions will come; the opposition will be strong and the foes will be many. (cf. 2:3)
- **“do the work of an evangelist”** — proclaim the gospel at every opportunity
- **“fulfill your ministry”** — “to cause a thing to be shown to the full, to carry through to the end, to fully perform” (Wuest).

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This charge Paul gives Timothy is the same charge every preacher is duty bound to follow in order to be pleasing to Christ!

**The desires of the worldly minded, professing disciples, will encourage preachers to abandon this charge, and tell them what they want to hear
(Jer. 5:30,31)**

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**Preachers should
be committed to
preaching the
word of God at all
times! Even when it
is not wanted!**

**What KIND of
preaching do we
demand?**

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Colossians 1:24–29 (NKJV)

²⁴ I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, ²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, ²⁶ the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. ²⁷ To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ To this *end* I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.