

Men's Bible Study - 2 Timothy

Chapter 4

Read 2 Timothy 4

- I. **Preach the Word** - 2Tim.4:2 - Paul charges Timothy (like a military command) to preach the Word. In the closing of the previous chapter Paul encouraged Timothy to continue in the Word in His personal life. A minister cannot transmit what he has not received himself. "... (v.2) implies knowing the Word, rightly dividing it and making it understandable and applicable to the lives of the people." Wiersbe

In 2Tim.4:2&3 list the uses given for God's Word by the minister:

Preacher G. Campbell Morgan once said - "Our first business is to impart knowledge, and then our purpose must be to lead those whom we teach to obedience." He also said, "Preaching is not the proclamation of a theory, or the discussion of a doubt ... Preaching is the proclamation of the Word, the truth as the truth has been revealed."

Is the purpose of preaching meant for the preacher to proclaim or convince? _____

Read John 12:32. By what means does God's Word impact His people? _____

Read 2Tim.4:3&4. What danger is there for God's people who are not grounded in His truth and what temptation is there for those who preach based upon these verses? _____

- II. **Fulfill Your Ministry** - Read 2Tim.4:5 - Paul encourages Timothy to fulfill his ministry. Now read here Eph.2:10 - "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them." What is the task of every Christian based upon the reading of both scripture passages? Look for "how" in the 2Tim verse and the what in the Eph. 2 verse. _____

"Next to losing one's soul and going to hell, the greatest tragedy of life would be to come to the brink of eternity and discover we had missed God's will and wasted our lives on fruitless, transient things." Weirsbe

Next step: Invest the rest of your time in the study of this lesson considering what is your next step: If Paul wrote to you and said "fulfill your ministry" what would you do? What is your specific calling? What has God gifted you for? _____

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