

From Forgiven to Faithfulness (2 Timothy)

Lesson 12: Faithfulness in Ministry

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1. The _____ for faithfulness in ministry (4:1, 3-4, 6-8)
 - A. God's _____ and judges (4:1)

The truths that God is watching and witnessing the believer, that He will judge the faithfulness of each believer and will overthrow all the opposition believers face are solid reasons to be faithful.

Why do we tend to see other people as our judges when we serve?

How often do you think about standing bef. Christ, your judge? How should it affect your service for the Lord?
 - B. _____ awaits (4:6-8)

The time of his departure was at hand (4:6). His "departure" means "loosing" (2 Pt. 1:12-15). Paul saw his death as present & ready to happen. Paul looked back over his life & described it under three figures.

 - 1) "The good fight" (he fought)
 - 2) "The race" (he finished)
 - 3) "The faith" (he kept)

Paul viewed them all as God's plan for him. He fought the fight God considers a good fight—the fight for truth. He finished the course God laid out for him. He kept the faith God revealed to him. Paul had done what God wanted him to do!
 - C. _____ arises (4:3-4)

A third basis for Paul's charge is introduced in vss. 3-4 by the word "for". A difficult time will come. The word for "time" means "season".

 - 1) Opposition arises from those who cannot _____ to sit under the authority of sound doctrine.
 - 2) We might expect they would stop attending services. But instead, they will find (hire) teachers who'll say what their itching ears want to hear. Their "desires" drive them.
2. The _____ of faithfulness in ministry (4:2, 5)
 - A. _____ the Word (4:2)

κηρύσσω *kērússō* - "to proclaim or herald the Word with authority.

- B. Be _____ (4:2)
When he was well-received & things seemed to be going well. When there was opposition and results seemed meager.
- C. _____ (4:2)
A min. of correction should be grounded solidly on the Word of God.
- D. _____ (4:2)
This word is stronger than "correct" & is probably directed to ward those who are not convicted by the correction.
- E. _____ (4:2)
παρακαλέω *parakalēō* - to comfort, strengthen, encourage others in doing right. Do ministry "with great patience & careful instruction."
- F. _____ your _____ (4:5): "in all situations".
Watch "in all things" - be sober-minded, alert, and attentive.
- G. _____ (4:5)
- H. Do the _____ of an _____ (4:5)
The "evangelist" (noun) is mentioned only two other places in the NT (Acts 21.8; Eph 4.11) but the vb. "evangelize" is used a number of times.
- I. Discharge all the _____ of your ministry (4:5)
Timothy was to fulfill his ministry. He must not forsake it but carry it to completion. He must finish his course as Paul completed his.

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Lesson 13: Faithfulness and Paul's Companions

Theme: Companionship in ministry is vital, & the Lord's companionship is essential.

1. Companions who _____ (4:10a, 16)
Demas (4:10) and Deserters (4:16)
2. Companions who _____ (4:10b, 11a, 12, 20)
Crescens & Titus (10); Luke (11); Tychicus (12); Erastus & Trophimus (20)
3. _____ (4:9, 11b, 13-15, 19, 22a)
Come (9), Bring (11, 13), Beware (15), Greet (19), Blessing (22)
4. _____ (4:17, 18)
Stood (17), strengthened (217), delivered (18)