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PREACH THE WORD

(2 Timothy 3:10 - 4:5)

1. THE CONTEXT (2 Timothy 3:10-17)

Apostle Paul reminds Timothy, a young evangelist, to (v10) "follow my doctrine," (v14) "continue," (v15) "from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures," and (v16) "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God."

Therefore, (4:2) "Preach the word!" and don't change it.

2. THE CONCERN (2 Timothy 4:1)

"God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing"

Preach with a view toward the second coming of Jesus and a day of judgment.  
(Hebrews 9:27; 2 Corinthians 5:10-11)

3. THE COMMAND - (v2) "Preach the word!"

"Preach" - deliver the word of God; present the inspired message; tell the Bible story.

"Be ready" - alert to the duty and ever ready to perform the task.

"In season and out of season" - press the message home on all occasions and even when it is not convenient for the hearers.

"Convince (reprove)" - to place the truth of God's word in such a clear light that it must be seen and acknowledged as truth so that if it is rejected one does so with open eyes and at his peril.

"Rebuke" - to warn in order to prevent an action or bring a wrong action to an end.

"Exhort" - using words that never drive another to despair or take the heart and hope from them; encourage; build up.

Do this "with all longsuffering and teaching" - don't lose patience; keep instructing.

4. THE CONTRAST (v3-5)

(v3) "They will not endure sound doctrine"

Here is the description: "own desires" "heap up for themselves teachers" "turn their ears away from the truth" and "turn aside to fables"

(v5) "But you be watchful in all things" - stand fast; not gullible.  
(1 Timothy 1:3-4; Mark 4:24 and 13:5-6)

"Do the work of an evangelist" - remind brethren of these things, and "preach the word."