Setting

  Paul in Prison, end of his ministry

  Written to Timothy, young pastor & friend

Themes

  contend for Gospel, keep the faith, endure suffering & hardship

  encouragement to be faithful, centrality of God's word, the steady opposition to truth

  warning to be on guard, divisive people, false teachers, foolish arguments

2 TIMOTHY 3:16 - 4:8

[16] All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, [17] that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: [2] preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

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[3] For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, [4] and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. [5] As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. [6] For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. [7] I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

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⁸ Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing."

1. Importance of the Charge

  a) In the presence of God

  b) The one who judges all mankind

  c) The one returning to rule and reign

2. The Charge

a) Preach the Word

    - reminded of it's importance & power 3:16

    - herald the message entrusted

    - word is…living, active, dividing, convicting, life saving, comforting, providing light

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b) be ready

    - seasons of acceptance & rejection

    - culture will embrace or persecute

c) be clear

    - preach to provide

        reprove – conviction

        rebuke – warning or correction

        exhort – appeal to living and acting in light of truth

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d) be aware & intentional

- complete patience

   don't give up on people, allow God to change hearts, love them

- teaching them

   simply knowing truth must be accomplished with how to effect it in our day to day lives. Discovering gifts, growing in community, learning from being taught

3. This Will bring a Response

- not a sign you are failing or not doing this right

a) not endure sound teaching

  - action away from being around or under it

b) accumulate for themselves teachers

  - itching ears

  - suit own passions

  - turn away from truth

  - wander off into myths

4. Keep Calm & Preach On

   a) keep a clear head

   b) endure hardship

   c) spread the message

   d) be faithful to your calling

5. There will be a day of Reckoning

   a) look at my story – last chapter here

      fought the good fight

      finished the race

      kept the faith

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b) our confidence is based in Jesus

crown of righteousness awaits me

awaits all who know him, love him

eternity and reward awaits us

So What

1. The Place & Power of the Word

   a) in your life?

   b) received from those charged by God?

2. Response to God's word in you

   a) does it bring ……

      conviction, correction, empowerment, trust, peace, courage…..?

      avoidance, argument, conflict, rejection, searching for those who agree with you?

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must examine our passions & response to truth. Are we filling the void with dangerous myths that lead to destruction?

3. Keep Calm & Serve on

- clear & serious about God's truth

- enduring the hardship in a broken world

- spreading the message of God's love in Christ

- careful to be faithful to our calling

4. There will be a return, accounting and reward

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