

2 Timothy
 Keeping the Faith
Fulfilling Your Ministry

INTRO: *As Paul prepared to end his letter (and his life), he implored his protégé to finish strong in the ministry to which he had received an Apostolic charge. But Absolute Truth is not happily received in the last days.*

I. Believers have been charged with ministering the _____ in the _____ (4:1-2). *The last days are NOW and started when Jesus returned to Heaven.*

II. The last days are filled with self-loving people who trade _____ for _____ (4:3-4). *People want to hear messages easy on the ears and soft on the conscience.*

III. Fulfill your Gospel _____ in the last days (4:5-8). *Paul mentioned three things on which to focus.*

A. _____.
This is critical when others have lost the ability to reason.

B. _____.
We can endure, knowing what awaits (2 Corinthians 4:16-17).

C. _____.
This is why we are here (Cf. Matthew 28:19-20).