



Study Guide

2 Timothy 4

“The Charge of a Christian”

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A great person's last words are significant. They are a window that helps us to look into his heart, or a measure that helps us evaluate his life. In this chapter, we have Paul's last words to Timothy and to the church.

It is interesting that Paul expressed no regrets as he came to the end. He even forgave those who made his situation difficult (2 Tim. 4:16). More than seventeen people are referred to in this chapter, which shows that Paul was a friend-maker as well as a soul winner. Though his own days were numbered, Paul thought of others.

The apostle gave three final admonitions to Timothy, and he backed each of them up with a reason.

Preach The Word

4:1-4

1. What does the word “charge” in 4:1 mean? _____
2. What words are used in verse 1 that demonstrate the seriousness of this charge? A) presence of _____ and _____, b) judge the _____ and _____, c) in view of his _____ and his _____.
3. “Preach the Word!” is the main responsibility that Paul shared in this section. Everything else he said is related to this. The word “preach” means “to preach like a herald.” In Paul's day, a ruler had a special herald who made announcements to the people. He was commissioned by the ruler to make his announcements in a loud, clear voice so everyone could hear. He was not an ambassador with the privilege of negotiating; he was a messenger with a proclamation to be heard and heeded. Not to heed the ruler's messenger was serious; to abuse the messenger was even worse. Timothy was to be prepared to preach at any time because of the power of the Word which accomplished what? a) _____ b) _____ c) _____ as opposed to just preaching what people want to hear (4:2-3).
4. In addition to preaching the Word, Timothy was also to a) keep your _____ in all situations, b) endure _____, c) do the work of an _____, d) discharge all the duties of your _____ (4:7).

Fulfill Your Ministry

4:4-8

1. Paul looked in three directions as he charged Timothy to fulfil his ministry:
 - a) He looked _____ (4:6)
 - b) He looked _____ (4:7)
 - c) He looked _____ (4:8)
2. What is waiting for all who are faithful? Crown of _____ (4:8)

Be Diligent and Faithful

4:9-22

1. List Paul's friend who stayed. _____ (4:9-11)
2. List two examples of the urgency in Paul's letter for Timothy to get to Rome before he dies. (4:9, 21)
 - a) _____
 - b) _____