

Some Things you want to be doing when the Lord returns

2 Tim. 4:1-5

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Place: Faith EBC

Introduction – Ephesus, Paul, Timothy

I. Solemn Charge, exhort, warn, vs. 1 cp. 1 Tim. 5:21; 6:13

- In the presence of God and Christ Jesus
 - In view of the Lord Jesus' authority to Judge, cp. John 5:22, 27; 1 Peter 4:5; Acts 10:42; Romans 2:16; 1 Cor. 4:5; 2 Cor. 5:10; 2 Tim. 4:8
- Judgment of Believers** at the judgment seat of Christ, Romans 14:10; 1 Cor. 3:12-15; 2 Cor. 5:10
Judgment of Unbelievers at the Great White Throne Judgment, Rev. 20:11-15
- In view of the certainty of the Lord Jesus' return, 2 Thess. 2:8; 1 Tim. 6:14, 2 Tim. 1:10; 4:1, 8; Titus 2:13
 - In view of the certainty of Christ's rule in His Kingdom, 1 Cor. 15:24; 2 Tim. 4:18; Col. 1:13; Eph. 5:5

a. Proclaim the Word, vv. 2-4, cp. 2 Tim. 3:15-17

1. **Preach the Word**, this is **what** Paul did, cp. 1 Cor. 15:2; Gal. 2:2; Romans 10:8, 14-15; 1 Tim. 3:16; 2 Tim. 1:11

2. **Be Prepared**, ready – **When?**

3. **What** are you to do as you proclaim the Word? cp. 2 Tim. 3:16 see slide

- i. **Correct or reprove**, 1 Tim. 5:20; Titus 1:9, 13; 2;
- ii. **Rebuke or censure**
- iii. **Exhort or urge**, cp. 1 Tim. 5:1; Titus 1:7-9; 2:6, 15

4. **How** are you to proclaim the Word?

- i. Patience, 1 Tim. 1:16
- ii. Instruction, 2 Tim. 2:24-25; 3:10

5. **Why** are you to proclaim the Word this way?, vv. 3-4

A time will come when...cp. 1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Tim. 3:1

- i. Some won't put up with clear teaching, cp. 2 Tim. 3:7
- ii. Some will only listen to people they agree with
- iii. Some will turn away from the truth and turn to myths,
 - **Truth**, 1 Tim. 2:4; 3:15; 4:3; 6:5; 2 Tim. 2:15, 18, 25; 3:7-8; Titus 1:1, 14
 - **Myths**, 1 Tim. 1:4; 4:7; Titus 1:14; 2 Peter 1:16

But you – Timothy, cp. 1 Tim. 6:11; 2 Tim. 3:10, 14

b. **Stay clear minded, self-controlled, vs. 5**, cp. 1 Tim. 3:2; 1 Thess. 5:6, 8; 1 Peter 1:13; 4:7; 5:8

c. **Endure hardships, vs. 5**, cp. 2 Tim. 1:8, 2:3, 9

d. **Evangelize, vs. 5**, cp. Acts 19:10

e. **Do your job, vs. 5**, cp. Col. 4:17

Conclusion

Let's be found faithful when the Lord returns – telling others the good news, all the time staying clear minded in the midst of a world of chaos. You know we'll face similar hardship, but it goes with the job, people need to hear and so do your job, prayerfully, without regret so that you will hear the words "well done".