

Preach the Word!
2 Timothy 4:1-4
Upstream Discipleship, part 16

- The mountain peak passage of 2 Timothy 3:16-17, describing the authority and inspiration of Scripture brings us to this cornerstone passage for the command to preach God's Word.
- Preach means to proclaim through the authority of the king. We preach a book that is the authoritative word of our King of Kings.
- Here are three great reasons why we must ever "preach the word:"

1. Future Realities require us to "Preach the Word" v.1

- Paul's words are weighty and serious as he underlines three future realities:

A. Jesus' Judgment:

2 Cor. 5:10; For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ.

Hebrews 9:27; It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment

B. Jesus' Coming:

Titus 2:13; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the Great God and our Savior Jesus Christ." Titus 2:13.

C. Jesus' Kingdom:

2. Daily Challenges require us to "Preach the Word" v.2

- Life is difficult and there are many dangers, toils, and snares.

A. Continual Readiness of the preacher, v.2a
"Be Instant in season, and out of season"

B. Loving Boldness of the preacher, v.2b:
“reprove, rebuke, exhort”

C. Faithful Patience of the preacher, v.2c
“with all longsuffering and doctrine.”

3. Present Apostasy Requires us to “Preach the Word” v.3,4

A. Intolerant to sound doctrine, v.3a, 4

B. Ruled by their selfish lusts, v.3b

C. Heap up False Teachers, v.3c

Jeremiah 5:31; The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?