



The Pastoral Charge
2 Timothy 4:1-8
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The Text: 2 Timothy 4:1-8

¹I 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: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For 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, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. ⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth 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) Let the spiritual leaders assigned to you by our Lord serve as shepherds over you (vv. 1-2, 5-8).

God expects the spiritual leaders of a church to....

a) be Scripture-based (v. 2a).

b) be prepared (vv. 2b, 5a).

c) be a shepherd (v. 2c).

d) be willing to suffer (vv. 5b, 6-8).

e) be gospel-centered (v. 5c).

2) Do not be the so-called Christians who want their ears scratched and passions fed (v. 3-4).

Response

What does this section of God's Word say to us today?

(1) The office of pastor-elder is a sacred duty in the church.

(2) Every Christian is commanded to sit under God's Word and the under-shepherding of their pastor-elders.

Are you wanting to scratch your itching ears and feed your own passions, or are you willing to sit under the teaching of God's Word and the assigned pastor-elders of his church?

Sunday Text Questions for 2 Timothy 4:1-8 (“Entrusted to You” Series)

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- 1) Starter Question: What do you think would be the hardest part of a pastor’s job?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) How does Paul’s charge to Timothy (and all pastors) in v. 1 communicate the divine importance assigned to the ministerial office of pastor-elder?
- 4) How can a Christian know if a church really does “preach the word” (v. 2)?
- 5) How would you advise a pastor to “reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching” (v. 2)?
- 6) What is Paul saying about so-called Christians in vv. 3-4, and how have you seen this happening in the world or our community today?
- 7) Why does Paul in v. 5 say pastors should be ready to “endure suffering,” and what exactly does that mean?
- 8) How does Paul’s personal example in vv. 6-8 offering encouragement and hope to pastor Timothy?
- 9) How can a Christian prepare themselves to be pastored not only when they are broken-hearted but also when they are hard-hearted?
- 10) Are you wanting to scratch your itching ears and feed your own passions, or are you willing to sit under the teaching of God’s Word and the assigned pastor-elders of his church?

Further study this week: Passages on pastoral shepherds and their sheep: Hebrews 13:17 (Mon); 1 Peter 5:1-5 (Tues); 2 Corinthians 1:23-24 (Wed); Acts 20:27-32 (Thurs); 1 Thessalonians 5:12-14 (Fri).