Passing the Baton, a Study of 2 Timothy – Lesson 19

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I solemnly 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: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. ³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. - 2 Timothy 4:1-5

Day 1 Verse 1

I solemnly 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: -2 Timothy 4:1

1. What does it mean to solemnly charge someone?

2. What is the charge that Paul is giving to Timothy?

3. Who are the witnesses of this charge?

4. When will Christ Jesus judge the living and the dead?

5. What are they being judged on?

6. What will the result of that judgment be for our leaders?

a. What will the result of that judgement be for believers?

7. What should the reality of this coming judgment do for ministries and the personal life of those in leadership?

a. What should the reality of this coming judgment do for the believer?

Heart-Check

Do you often think about the seriousness of the charge your leaders have been given 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?

How can you more effectively pray for them, knowing the calling they have been given?

What things will you do to faithfully pray for them?

Day 2 Verse 2

preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. -2 Timothy 4:2

There are 10 qualities of a preacher between vs. 2 & 5. What are the first 6 from vs.
2? Define and explain each:

a.

b.

c.

e. f.

d.

2. Reading Mark 1:38 & Matthew 4:23, what was Jesus' priority in ministry?

3. Who else in Scripture are appointed as preachers?

4. Why is preaching the Word the primary means of grace in the life of a believer?

a. To illustrate this, what happens to you when you sit under unsound or weak preaching even though you are receiving all the other means of grace?

Heart-Check

How have you previously viewed the preaching of the Word?

What do you do to prepare for the preaching of the Word?

Do you know what happens in the moment of preaching?

Day 3 Verse 3

or the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, -2 Timothy 4:3

1. What does it mean to not endure sound doctrine?

2. What does it look like in a church when its members will not endure sound doctrine?

3. What is the connection between verses two and three?

4. Why do people want to have their ears tickled?

5. What does it look like to "accumulate for themselves teachers"?

6. What sort of teacher appeals to the human heart?

7. Another word for desire is lust. What does this tell you about both the preacher and the hearer?

Heart-Check What preaching do you gravitate to?

How do you respond to teachers who merely make you feel good?

How do you respond to doctrinally sound preaching that confronts the heart (desires) and encourages the soul?

Day 4 Verse 4

and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. –2 Timothy 4:4

1. In what ways do people turn their ears away from the truth?

2. What does 1 Timothy 1:3-4, 4:7; Titus 1:14 and 2 Peter 1:16 tell us about myths (also translated fables and tales)?

3. What myths might people in our day be prone to turn to?

4. Is the foundation of any of these myths new?

5. What Biblical truth is evident here?

6. What must happen if we ever turn our ears away from truth?

a. How do you know if you or someone you love is turning away from the truth (use sound expositional preaching as your gage)?

Heart-Check

Do you or have you followed any myths? How will you know whether you are believing a lie or not?

What is the danger to your spiritual life if you hold these views?

Pray and ask the Lord to reveal to you any myths you believe.

Day 5 Verse 5

But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. –2 Timothy 4:5

1. What four commands does Paul give to Timothy in this verse?

2. What does it mean to be sober (sober-minded in the ESV) in all things?

3. Why does Paul remind Timothy so often in this book that he will face hardship and persecution?

4. What is the work of an evangelist? See Romans 10:14-15.

5. What was the ministry that Timothy had been called to?

a. How would he fulfill it?

Heart-Check

Are these qualities evident in your life?

Are there any changes or goals you can set to achieve them?

How has your doctrine helped you to see these qualities properly?

Dig Deeper

 Please take time to listen to James' Doctorate Preaching Project. His thesis was on the Priority of Preaching in the Life of a Believer: <u>https://gracelife.ca/sermon_series/preaching-project</u> (1st sermon is at the bottom, working up).