



SERMON HANDOUT for May 26, 2024

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

SPEAK GOD'S WORD INTO YOUR CIRCUMSTANCE  
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SPEAKING YOUR CIRCUMSTANCE INTO GOD'S WORD!

Sermon Series: **Perseverance (2 Timothy)**  
**PERSEVERANCE – PREACH THE WORD!**

2 Timothy 4:1-8 NKJV

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## INTRODUCTION

St. Francis of Assisi is quoted to have said:

*“Preach the Word, Preach the Word, Preach the Word and when necessary us Words.”*

— But in our case today, we are talking the necessity of using our Words.

There are four “charges” or admonitions in this chapter that should be heeded by all believers.

1. Preach the Word
2. Fulfill Your Ministry
3. Come Quickly to Rome
4. Greet My Friends

Our text today covers two of these four “charges” under the topic of **Preach the Word...**

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## PRINCIPLES THAT ENCOURAGE US TO PREACH THE WORD

### 1) THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE WORD - 2 Timothy 4:1-2 NKJV

- Paul closed the previous chapter by exhorting Timothy to continue in the Word in his own personal life; now he exhorts him to share that Word with others.  
—WE MUST FIRST RECEIVE BEFORE WE CAN TRANSMIT!!!

**Charge** (Greek: *diamartyromai*) “military command,”  
means to insist, warn. (verb, present tense, first person)

- **Preach the Word— Preach** (comes from Greek word: *kerysso*)  
means to proclaim as a herald or make a proclamation in a public gathering.

- 1 Corinthians 9:16 NKJV - Paul told Timothy to “Preach the Word!”
- **Preach the Word** — implies knowing the Word, rightly dividing it and making it understandable and applicable to the lives of the people.

G. Campbell Morgan:

*Our first business is to impart knowledge, and then our purpose must be to lead those whom we teach to obedience.*

*Preaching is not the proclamation of a theory, or the discussion of a doubt ...*

*Preaching is the proclamation of the Word, the truth as the truth, that has been revealed.*

- **In Season and Out of Season** = when it favorable and unfavorable...  
**Be instant** means “be ready, be urgent”  
 This should be the believer’s attitude whether service is convenient or inconvenient.
- **Convince** (expose error)  
**Rebuke** (command)  
**Exhort** (encourage & console)
- **Do this with Patience (longsuffering) and Teaching...**

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2) \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE WORD - 2 Timothy 4:3-5 NKJV

**Why must we Christians proclaim the Word of God? —**

“Because the time will come” (v. 3) when people will not want the Word of God—AND THAT TIME IS UPON IS!!!

Many “Church-Folk” do not want “SOUND” (healthy) doctrine.

Instead, they want religious entertainment from Christian performers who will tickle their ears.

We have a love for novelty in the churches today.

Too often the person who simply opens the Bible and teaches from it, is ignored, while the shallow religious entertainer becomes a celebrity.

2 Timothy 4:4 indicates that “itching ears” soon become “deaf ears” as people turn away from the truth and believe man-made fables.

**Itching ears** (Greek: *knetho*), means feel an itch; to tickle; to scrape; to scratch.

- **To fables** (Greek: *mythos*) *myths, legends, tales. What are myths? Buddha, Muhammad, Confucius, Pantheon, Zeus, all idol Gods.*
- 1 Corinthians 8:5-7 NKJV - Paul speaks about the gods we have made up.

- Paul was about to finish his course, but Timothy’s life and ministry still lay before him. **“Fulfill Your Ministry or Make full proof (KJV)”** means **“fulfill, accomplish the purpose.”** How wonderful it is that God has a specific ministry for each of His children  
Ephesians 2:10 NKJV - Our task is to find His will and do it as long as we live. This involves watching, enduring, and working.

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3) \_\_\_\_\_ **OF THE WORD - 2 Timothy 4:6-8 NKJV**

- **Paul’s argument is clear:** he is now about to leave the scene, and somebody must take his place.  
Young people in our churches need to be reminded that they are the future in the church.  
**Paul declares,** *“I am ready to be poured out like a drink-offering, and the time is at hand for loosing the anchor and setting sail, for taking down the tent and moving on” (literal translation).*
- **Paul has no regrets as he faces eternity:** he had been a good soldier, a faithful runner, a faithful steward of the treasure of the Gospel. He looked forward to receiving his reward from the Lord.
- ***So, What was it that kept Paul going during more than thirty years of toil and suffering?*** — HE LOVED CHRIST’S APPEARING!!  
2 Cor. 5:14 NKJV - *“The love of Christ constrains us!”*
- **The Revelation of the Word reveals**
  - a. 2 Timothy 4:6 – Where you are
  - b. 2 Timothy 4:7 – What You do & What you’ve done
  - c. 2 Timothy 4:8 – What in store for you

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