



## INTRO FOR NEXT WEEK

### PREACH THE WORD

#### PASSAGE OVERVIEW:

When life is stripped down to its bare essentials, only what is most important remains. As Paul penned his last words to his spiritual son, they are laser focused. Preach the word! This strong singular command forms the central thought of Paul's final admonition to Timothy. Timothy is not called to defend himself. Nor is he called to preach innovative sermons. He is called to faithfully preach the Word of God.

There will be an increase in the clutter that shields people from hearing the word. The world's precipitous descent into rebellion and brokenness will be marked by many voices. People will increasingly refuse to hear truth, preferring to be lulled to death by whatever they deem pleasurable.

The servant of God however, must be self-disciplined and prepared to stand against the popularism of the day. His work of communicating the unaltered gospel is of supreme importance.

As Paul had experienced personally when he was hauled before the Roman court, the Lord is faithful. When others quietly disappear, the Lord is present. He will strengthen His people so that even in the most difficult of settings, they can continue to be conduits of the message of salvation and hope through Jesus.

The word of God, the pure gospel, must be our primary message as well. Is this the message you share daily? Does your life have this singular focus, to share the gospel?

#### READING FOR NEXT WEEK:

2 Timothy 4

#### I. The approved worker adheres to the Word of truth. (2:14-19; 3:16-17)

We need to be sticky Christians. Stick to the Word of truth.

A. The truthfulness of the Word (2:15, 3:16)

1. Based on the character of God.

2. Plenary inerrancy.

B. A worker – the right perspective.

#### II. The approved worker lives the Word. (2:20 – 3:15)

A. The Word determines our Pursuits. (2:20-23)

B. The Word determines our Practice. (2:24-26)

C. The Word determines our Passions. (3:1-15)

How does this apply to me?

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