

**Preach the Word (*logos*)  
Be Ready, in Season and Out of Season** 2Timothy 4:2

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**This final exhortation from Paul, to his disciple Timothy**, who at that time was the apostle and senior leader of the Church at Ephesus, starts at 2Timothy 3:14.

(Paul knew that he was soon to depart and be with Jesus. This was his last chance to speak to Timothy. 2Timothy 4:6.)

**CONTINUE in the things that you have learned and been assured of, knowing of whom you have learned them. Verse 14.**

(Deception is on the rampage. Verse 13.) Beware of false teaching. Take time to check everything out carefully. 1Thessalonians 5:21. Do not accept a teaching because of someone's reputation or position. Acts 17:11.

Jesus' warning about deception in these, our days, Matthew 24:4, 5, 11, 24.

Jesus said, **"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are and very hungry wolves; by their fruits you shall know them."** Matthew 7:15-20.

**FROM a CHILD you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise unto salvation, through faith in Jesus Christ. Verse 15.**

Timothy's Grandmother Lois, and Mother Eunice, faithfully taught Timothy the Word. 2Timothy 1:5.

**ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD and is profitable for doctrine, (truth-John 8:32), for reproof, (1Timothy 5:20), for correction, (1Timothy 6:17), for instruction in righteousness. (1Timothy 4:6) Verse 16.**

**That the man of God may be PERFECT, (complete), thoroughly EQUIPPED for all GOOD WORKS. Verse 17.**

**CHAPTER 4:1-5.**

With the strongest words Paul charges Timothy.

**"I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His Kingdom;" Verse 1.**

**"PREACH THE WORD!!!" be ready in season, and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. Verse 2.**

**For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap up to themselves teachers, having itching ears; Verse 3.**

(Itching to hear some new thing, as in Acts 17:21.)

If it is not according to the WORD of GOD it is deception.

Jesus said, "If you continue in My WORD you are truly My disciples, and you will know the TRUTH, and the TRUTH shall set you free. John 8:31, 32 – 36. (Here it is freedom from sin, but it is also true of freedom from deception.)

Speaking to the Father, Jesus said, "Your WORD is TRUTH." John 17:17.

Jesus said to His disciples, "When He, the Spirit of Truth is come, He will guide you into all TRUTH. John 16:13.

**And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned to fables. Verse 4.**

**But you watch in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of the evangelist, make full proof of your ministry. Verse 5.**

**The main work of the Pastor and all the elders is to feed the flock of God, which He has purchased with His own BLOOD.**

Acts 20:28, 1Timothy 5:17. This work has the highest priority in God. The Words God gives are Spirit and Life. John 6:63.

Protect the Church from false doctrine and teachers of false doctrine. The Holy Spirit emphasises this in 2 Timothy 4:1-4.

Maintain unity in the eldership. 1 Peter 5: 1-9. Walk in humility and servanthood before God and man. Galatians 5:13,

Matthew 18: 3, 4, Luke 18:14.

**Pastor, Elder, Leader of the flock of God:** Isaiah 55:6, Psalm 1:1 – 3, Psalm 119:89, 105, 126, 130, 160, 162, 165.

1. Feed yourself daily on the Word of God. Listen to His voice and make notes of what He says to you.
2. Maintain daily times of prayer, thanks, intercession for family, Church, district, and other, as the Holy Spirit leads.
3. Encourage the leadership team each week as you meet, share and pray together. Share together what God is saying.
4. Set aside time each week, to wait on the Lord for His Word of "Spirit and Life", for the Church. John 6:63.
5. Be bold in the Holy Spirit to minister the Word the Lord has given to you.
6. Maintain the order of God first, family second, ministry to the Church and work to gain a living third.