

# The Apprentice:

## First Century Leadership in a Twenty-First Century World

### 2 Timothy Series

#### Sermon 5: The Charge To Preach The Gospel (2 Timothy 4:1-22)

**1**In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: **2**Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. **3**For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. **4**They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. **5**But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

**6**For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. **7**I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. **8**Now there is in store 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 longed for his appearing.

**9**Do your best to come to me quickly, **10**for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. **11**Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. **12**I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. **13**When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments. **14**Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. **15**You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message.

**16**At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. **17**But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. **18**The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**19**Greet Priscilla and Aquila and the household of Onesiphorus. **20**Erastus stayed in Corinth, and I left Trophimus sick in Miletus. **21**Do your best to get here before winter. Eubulus greets you, and so do Pudens, Linus, Claudia and all the brothers.

**22**The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

#### Intro: Evangelism and Kebab Shops

**Evangelism:** is about bringing the good news of Jesus to people who have not yet come to believe in him.

1. The Charge Given To Timothy (vs 1-5)

2. A Personal Example From Paul (vs 9-18)

3. Finishing The Race (vs 6-8)

#### Response

-Class of '97 Yearbook

-3 prayers.

## **Bible study questions**

(For personal use and use in small groups)

### **Chapter 4: 1-5**

What does it mean for Timothy to “preach the word”? (Verse 2)

In light of verses 3-4, in what way are churches responsible for their teachers?

Can you think of examples of people having itching ears to hear false doctrine?

Throughout this series have you discovered what your spiritual gift is? What steps can you take to make sure you have identified with others how God has gifted you.

Are there seasons where you find it easier or more difficult to proclaim the message? What advice does Paul have for you in easy and difficult times?

What is the work of an evangelist?

### **Chapter 4: 6-8**

What is your reaction to the way Paul describes his last days in verse 6-7? In what ways is Paul an example for us?

What will it look like for you to fight the good fight, finish the race and keep the faith?

Who gets to receive the crown of righteousness? What does verse 8 teach us about God’s judgment of Christians?

### **Chapter 4: 9-22**

What similarities do you notice between Paul’s experience and Jesus’?

What insights do we learn about the earthly needs of Paul?

Look at verse 16-18. How is this an example of proclaiming the message in season and out of season?

Read Paul’s final recorded words in verse 22. Why does it mean for *grace* to be *with you*?