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Introduction:

I. PAUL'S CHARGE TO TIMOTHY (vs. 1-4)

A. Why? = the cause of this commission (vs. 1)

Because God/Christ is...

- listening ("in the presence of")
- judging ("to judge")
- coming ("by His appearing")

"The [Roman] Emperor's appearance in any place was his *epiphaneia* [appearing]. Obviously when the Emperor was due to visit any place, everything was put in perfect order. The streets were swept and garnished; all work was up-to-date. The town was scoured and decorated to be fit for the *epiphaneia* of the Emperor. So Paul says to Timothy: 'You know what happens when any town is expecting the *epiphaneia* of the Emperor; you are expecting the *epiphaneia* of Jesus Christ. Do your work in such a way that all things will be ready whenever He appears.' " – William Barclay

B. What? = the content of this commission (vs. 2)

"preach the Word"

The purpose is to...

- correct ("reprove")
- confront ("rebuke")
- comfort ("exhort")
- be compassionate ("with all longsuffering")
- confirm ("with all...doctrine")

"Christian reproof without the grace of long-suffering has often led to a harsh, censorious attitude intensely harmful to the cause of Christ. But the other requirement is equally essential, for correction must be intelligently understood and hence based on 'teaching'. To rebuke without instruction is to leave the root cause of error untouched." – Donald Guthrie

C. When? = the concern of this commission (vs. 3-4)

"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"

"and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths"

D. How? = the carrying out of this commission (vs. 2, 5)

- faithfully (“ready”)
- frequently (“in season, out of season”)
- forcefully (“reprove, rebuke, exhort”)
- fearlessly (“be sober in all things, endure hardship”)

II. PAUL’S CHALLENGE TO TIMOTHY (vs. 5)

A. Be Vigilant (“you, be sober in all things”)

B. Be Valiant (“endure hardship”)

C. Be Versatile (“do the work of an evangelist”)

D. Be Victorious (“fulfill your ministry”)

Is it a job or ministry?

Conclusion:

- 1) Holiness must be evident in belief and in behavior.
- 2) Proclamation of all the truth of Scripture is essential to genuine spiritual growth and stability.
- 3) False teaching in the church is deadly and must be dealt with swiftly and firmly.

I Corinthians 5:11

II Thessalonians 3:6,14