

Preach the Word

2 Timothy 4:1-5 (3:14-17)

Key Verse: 4:2

1. Read verse 1. With what authority did Paul give his charge to Timothy? What do you think motivated this charge? (1 Ti 2:3-4) How did Paul emphasize its urgency?
2. Read verse 2a. What was the supreme charge that Paul gave? To what does "the word" refer? (2 Ti 1:10) What characterizes "the word" and how does it affect people? (2 Ti 3:14-15) What does "preach" imply? (Mt 9:35)
3. Read verse 2b. What further instructions did Paul give? What does "be prepared in season and out of season" mean? (1 Pe 3:15) Why is it important to "correct, rebuke and encourage"? (2 Ti 3:16-17; Heb 3:13) With what attitude should this be done?
4. What kind of times did Paul foresee? (3-4) How do we see these things happening in our times? In such times, what should God's servant fully concentrate on? (5) In light of this study, what direction do you think God wants you to set for the new year?