

I HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

2 Timothy 4:1-22

Key Verses: 4:6,7

* PREACH THE WORD (1-5)

1. Read verse 1. How did Paul preface his charge to Timothy? What basic knowledge about Jesus Christ did he emphasize? Why did he mention these two things?
2. Read verse 2. What was Paul's charge to Timothy? How could he carry out that charge? (See also 1 Pe 3:15.) What does "in season and out of season" mean?
3. What does he mean by "correct"? "Rebuke"? "Encourage"?
4. Read verses 3-5. What kind of opposition would he face and why? What must he do in the face of such opposition? What does "keep your head" mean?

* I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH (6-22)

5. How does Paul speak of his approaching death? What do you think this means?
(See Numbers 15:1-12; 28:7,14)
6. Read verses 6-7. How does Paul view his life? What does it mean practically that life is a fight? What does it mean to keep the faith? To finish the race? What can we learn from him about how to live our lives?
7. Why does he not fear death or feel sorry for himself? What is he looking forward to? Why is it important to have a sure destination? A promise of God's reward?
8. Read verses 9-15. What several things can you learn here about Paul's coworkers and his concerns while in prison? What requests and warnings does he give? What does this teach us about Paul?
9. Read verses 16-22. What was Paul's source of strength? Why did he not put his hope in people? Why did he not need to? What did he expect? What is his

closing prayer?