

Paul writes a young Pastor and makes sure he understands the most important thing in life; Preach the Word!
2 Timothy 4:1-2 ¹*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: ²Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.*

I. THE MAIN WORD

A. Our scripture gives the central purpose of a man of God: **V2 Preach the Word!**

1. At the end of Paul's life: *Giving final instructions – what is most important*
 - a. *Preach: To declare the message from the King*
 - b. *Who you are: A preacher*
2. If that is to be your future job: *What should you do to prepare to be a preacher?*
 - a. **V2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season.**

B. Enabling us to preach the word

1. **Reading the word:** The number 1 job of every Christian/disciple/pastor - read the Bible
 - a. You need to read consistently – every day **Joshua 1:8** *This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*
 - b. You need to love the word of God: Every great preacher loves reading the Bible
 1. **Job 23:12** ... *I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my daily bread.*
 - a. If you don't have a love for the Bible – ask God to give you a love for it

2. **Understanding the word:** Reading the Bible does no good unless you understand it (Ethiopian Eunuch)

- a. You need to understand the structures of the Bible: Why it was written/what order/themes
 1. Study Bibles will help: Life Application Study Bible is easiest/most helpful
 2. Irving L/ Jensen series...
- a. You need to understand doctrine: Basic Bible truths -
 1. Systematic theology/Foundations of Pentecostal Theology; Dad did/I did – work thru slowly

3. **Memorizing the word:** Committing verses to memory so you can recall/pull them out

- a. **Psalm 119:11** *I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.*
 1. Protection against temptation: Jesus defeated the Devil by quoting scripture he memorized!
 - b. You memorize by writing it down: Repeatedly saying it out loud; Checking your memory

4. **Understanding preaching:** If your future job will be preaching – you need to begin to understand now

- a. How to find revelation
 1. The principle of attraction: What catches your eye as you read?
 2. Asking questions: 5 W's context What is the main idea?
- b. How to organize and structure a message – so it is logical
 1. Sermons are linear – in a line: *If this is true/then that is true/and that is true*
 - a. Do you give the promise of fixing a problem before telling what the problem is? No.
 - c. Ask questions! d. Practice!

II. THE POWER OF PREACHING

A. Power is released when the Word is declared; **V2 Convince, rebuke, exhort**

1. **The word can reprove:** Convince/convict – the word shines light/overcomes arguments/reveals sin
 - a. People who disagree can be convinced – if you are preaching God/s word; Not opinions
2. **The word can rebuke:** The word gets personal – confronts human sin and attitudes
 - a. I don't have to make sermons for 1 person: If I preach the word – God will personalize it
3. **The word can exhort:** *Call to one's side/encourage/comfort*
 - a. Preach hope! In every sermon – show the way out! Entire sermons – show how good God is!
 - b. Good preaching inspires people to do right/do God's will