

## **Be Diligent**

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I. In II Timothy, Paul calls Timothy to:

- A. Remember. (II Timothy 1)
- B. Commit. (II Timothy 2)
- C. Learn. (II Timothy 3)
- D. Be diligent. (II Timothy 4)

II. Paul calls Timothy to be diligent in fulfilling the ministry. (II Timothy 4:1-5)

A. Paul charges Timothy to preach the word on the basis that God will judge each of us.

(II Timothy 4:1)

- 1. Importance of application of the Word. (II Timothy 3:14)
- 2. Power of the Word. (II Timothy 3:15)
- 3. Divine inspiration of the Word. (II Timothy 3:16)
- 4. Purpose of the Word to equip us for good works. (II Timothy 3:17)

B. Those who hear the Word shape the teachers. (II Timothy 4:3-4)

1. Evangelicals need to evaluate their churches and preachers on the basis of preaching the Word, not being entertaining.

C. The work of an evangelist. (II Timothy 4:5)

- 1. Fellowship without evangelism lacks energy and purpose.
- 2. Fellowship with evangelism is on the move.
- 3. Evangelism in the church is not the only ingredient but it is an indispensable ingredient.
- 4. Evangelism begins by befriending sinners - how many unbelievers call you their friend?

III. Paul calls Timothy to be diligent in keeping the faith. (II Timothy 4:6-8)

A. Paul viewed his death as his last act of worship. (II Timothy 4:6)

B. Paul viewed his death as moving on to better ground. (II Timothy 4:6)

C. Paul has been diligent in the faith and confidently anticipates his reward. (II Timothy 4:7-8)

IV. Paul calls Timothy to be diligent in contending with apostasy. (II Timothy 4:9-22)

A. The price is high because only some people finish well in their walk of faith.

B. Being a finisher requires diligence and discipline.

C. Begins with a note of rejection and ends praising God for His power. (II Timothy 4:16-18)

D. Paul encouraged Himself in the Lord His God just as David did at Ziklag.

E. Paul begins, continues, and ends with grace. (II Timothy 1:2, 2:1, 4:22)