

***2 Timothy***  
**Essentials for**  
**Christian Living**

**Open Door**  
BIBLE CHURCH



## **Review -- 2 Timothy 3:14-17**

**God's Word is Awesome in its Authority because of its...**

- **Divine Source**
- **Divine inspiration**
- **Divine wisdom**
- **Divine purpose**
- **Divine power**

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**BIG IDEA:**

**God's Word**

**must be your**

**ultimate authority.**

***2 Timothy 4:1-4***

**Why God's Word**

**Must Be Preached**

## **Review -- 2 Timothy 4:1**

**Paul emphasizes the significance of Jesus Christ's...**

- **Divine presence**
- **Future judgement**
- **Imminent return**
- **Eternal Kingdom**

# LAST WEEK'S BIG IDEA:

We must boldly proclaim

God's Word because

Jesus Christ really is

coming again.

***2 Timothy 4:1-4***

**When and How**

**God's Word**

**Must Be Preached**

# **BIG IDEA:**

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**God's Word in love**

**whenever God gives us**

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# **1. God commands**

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**Notice the sad, downward, and  
and degenerate **progression** in verses 3-4!**

- People will **not endure** sound teaching...
- People will **accumulate (for themselves)** teachers to suit their own passions...
- People will **turn away** from listening to the truth...
- People will **wander off** into myths.

## **1 Timothy 1:1-7**

**1** Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope,

**2** To Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

## 1 Timothy 1:1-7

**3** As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine,

**4** nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith.

**5** The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

**6** Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion,

**7** desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

"People of the world  
love a gospel  
that is 'good news'  
**as they define it."**

(R. Kent Hughes)

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## **2. God commands**

**Christians to boldly  
proclaim His Word  
with biblical love.**

## 5 COMMANDS in 2 Timothy 4:2

- "Preach"
- "Be Ready"
- "Reprove" -- *to show or convince someone of their fault or error*
- "Rebuke" -- *to scold for the purpose of correction*
- "Exhort" -- *to strongly urge, encourage, or appeal to*
  - "...with complete (or continual) patience..."
  - "...and teaching."

# "Patience"

## 2 Timothy 3:10

You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my **patience**, my love, my steadfastness,

## Galatians 5:22

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, **patience**, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

## 1 Corinthians 13:4

Love is **patient** and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant

# "Teaching"

## **2 Timothy 3:10, 16**

You, however, have followed my **teaching**, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness,

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for **teaching**, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

"Teaching/Doctrine" - **used 12x**

**1 Timothy 1:10; 4:1, 6, 13, 16; 5:17; 6:1, 3;**

**2 Timothy 3:10, 16; 4:2-3**

"Teach" - **used 7x**

**1 Timothy 1:3; 2:12; 3:2; 4:11; 6:2; 2 Timothy 2:2, 24**

# Biblical Teaching = "Speaking the truth in love"

## Ephesians 4:11-16

**11** And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,

**12** to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

**13** until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,

**14** so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

**15** Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,

**16** from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

"Christian faith does not  
derive its standards  
from contemporary society,  
**but from the Scriptures  
themselves."**

(Allister Begg)

## OBSERVATIONS

- God cares just as much about **how** Christians share His Word as He does about **how often** they share His Word.
- Christians do not get to select the "temperature" or "cultural acceptance" of **the seasons of life** in which they are called to boldly proclaim God's Word.
- However, God's Word is powerful to change hearts in every climate of world history and upheaval.
- Christians are not called to overthink their calling. Rather, they are called to **trust and obey God** by boldly proclaiming His Word **in every season of life with biblical love.**

# QUESTIONS

- When was the last time you shared God's Word in a conversation with **a brother or sister in Christ**?
- When was the last time you shared God's Word in a conversation with **an unbeliever**?
- **What compels you** to share God's Word when it is hard to do so or when you are afraid to do so?
- Do you share the Word of God with others out of duty, or fear, or guilt, or pride, or competition...**or out of biblical love**?

## APPLICATION

- 1) Let the glory of God and His love for you compel you to share His Word **in every season of life.**
- 2) Let the glory of God and His love for you compel you to share His Word **with biblical love** for those who need to hear His beautiful message of peace.
- 3) Do not let fear control you. God's perfect love casts out all fear! **(1 John 4:18)**
- 4) When you feel fear creeping in and keeping you from sharing God's Word, **remember that you are not alone**--Jesus Christ is with you--and He will bless you if you obey Him!

# ***2 Timothy 4:1-4***

**Christian Living Essentials:**

**Bold, Faithful & Loving**

**Preaching/Proclaiming**

**of God's Word**

# **BIG IDEA:**

**We must boldly proclaim**

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**whenever God gives us**

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"The church navigates  
the waters of life  
as a result of  
**the tiller of the Word of God  
guiding us on our way."**

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