

Paul's Charge to Timothy – 2 Timothy 4:1-5

1. The seriousness of the charge, v.1.

"I charge you ..."

Three facts make Jesus' presence especially real.

- He will *judge the living and the dead*.
- He will *appear in glory*.
- His *kingdom will triumph*. That is what sustained Paul as he languished in prison, see 4:18. Not a prison break. But ultimate victory.

2. The substance of the charge, v.2.

Be ready in season and out of season

Reprove

Rebukes

Exhort

... with complete patience and teaching.

3. The setting of the charge, v.3-4.

*"For the **time** is coming when people will not endure sound teaching ..."*

Itchy ears ...

- Don't recognise the lasting value of life-giving gospel doctrine
- Are *obsessive* in their pursuit of novelty
- Seek immediate gratification
- Have no clear idea what they want

4. The scope of the charge, v.5.

Always be sober minded ...

Endure suffering ...



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