

Sunday 11/15/2020 * Intro to Worship Weekend * 2 Timothy 4:1

2 Timothy 3:14-17

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it 15 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 4:1

4 1 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom:

2 Timothy 4:2-5

2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. 5 As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

INTRO:

Testimony of calling: -Realization of gifting -feeling of wasted purpose -certainty of path!

--Lost way and confusion --Need for discipleship and training --DBC took on the mission

I. I Charge You

2 Timothy 4:1

1 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom:

A. Charge: to give evidence of, to testify or to Declare.

B. CHARGED WITH A TASK

1. To Preach

- a) Dictionary of Bible Themes, Martin Manser: The announcing of good news by His servant through the faithful exposition of God's Word, and the proclamation of Jesus Christ
- b) Central and Primary charge of a minister of the gospel
 1. Everything else is secondary
 2. All other ministries and programs are expendable

***All ministry programs and efforts are fueled and powered by a corporate hunger and pastoral focus on the faithful preaching and teaching of God's inerrant and holy scriptures!*

C. CHARGED WITH A BURDEN

1. This burden is not the burden of butts in seats –We are not recruiters!

***God's power through His Holy Spirit will fill His church; our focus is on being faithful to those we are entrusted to love and serve!*

2. Love and Serve the people of God; the church!

((Not a negative burden, a positive but laborious and resource intensive activity!))

- a) To love and serve our neighbor is not optional, it is a command from Jesus

Mark 12:28-31

28 And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" 29 Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

- b) Pray for this burden – cannot will it on our own

****The Holy Spirit who called us to begin with will also supply the Love and the will to serve the people entrusted to our pastoral care. Like salvation the minister does not fulfill his charge under His own power and talent!**

****Upon arriving at the church and beginning the work of pastoring the prayer should not be; help me to grow this body and fill up the worship space; but rather, God give me the supernatural love and affection for the people I am charged to shepherd! Help me to love them like Jesus loves me!**

- 3. **A burden to: lead the church in the example of godliness and holiness! (Biblical humility)**

Philippians 2:2-5

2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

- 4. **A burden to: To suffer hardship and persecution for the gospel and for the people of God**
 - a) A pastor does not receive a seat of comfort when called to the ministry
 - 1. Receives hardship and persecution as a reward!

2 Timothy 2:1-3

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, 2 and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. 3 Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 3:10-12

10 You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, 11 my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. 12 Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

- b) Paul modeled what suffering meant and informed Timothy to expect the same
 - 1. All Christians must expect the same
 - 2. The pastor that suffers teaches the Christian how to do it well!

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D. CHARGED WITH AUTHORITY

1. Paul did not charge Timothy by his authority
2. In the presence of God, Jesus, Holy Spirit
 - a) This is where the authority for the charge comes from
3. Jesus the Judge of the living and the dead, now and until the final trumpet sounds
 - a) This is the source of authority for the charge to every minister that has existed
 - b) It is because of the person of Jesus that Paul urges Timothy to do what is needed!

**Paul reminds Timothy that it is because of Jesus appearing on Earth and the power of God that gives authority to any minister to carry out his charge of his mission, duty, and ministry!

2 Timothy 1:8-10

8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, 9 who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, 10 and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

E. CHARGED WITH URGENCY

1. Christ's Kingdom and it's earthly arrival is the deadline
2. Timothy and every minister after labors to his church and the lost with the end in mind
 - a) The great reward for the believer
 - b) The great judgement for the sinner
3. The countdown began with the great commission!

Matthew 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

***Christ's charge to Paul and his Charge to Timothy and all subsequent generations of ministers is rooted in the great commission. The apostles established the charge to the minister under the authority of Jesus so that all believers would grow in godliness and love for God. In the same way the charge also empowers the minister and believer to preach the good news of the gospel to a lost and dying world. The Lord of the Harvest seeks to bring in all of His produce and throw away all of the chaff before the great wedding feast at the end of the age. All of this is done for the maximum glory of God and for His will and purpose! ***

1. The pastor is not the only one charged with ministry. All believers are charged in the same way and within their respective gifting's. It is through the Pastor's labor that the body of the church is built up and equipped to do the work already planned by God!
2. The pastor cannot succeed in fulfilling his charge alone
 - a. He needs the support and prayers of the one giving the charge!
 - i. Timothy had Paul
 - ii. I have you!
3. The charge in 2 Timothy 4:1 is for every pastor! It is for every believer! AND it is given in the presence of the one true and living God! We are accountable to fulfill the charge to Him! Thank God that He does not leave us to our own devices and strength to accomplish the work. We have been blessed by the employee handbook: The infallible Word of God and empowered by The Holy Spirit!