

sermon notes

Pastor Tony Caffey, VBVF | Second Timothy | Sept 29, 2024
“Mamas Don’t let your Babies Grow Up to be Preachers” | **2 Tim 4:1–5**

Five Things Preachers Do (4:1–2):

1. They _____ the _____
2. They _____
3. They _____
4. They _____
5. They _____

Three Things Preachers Don’t Do (4:3–5):

1. They don’t _____
2. They don’t _____
3. They don’t _____ on the gospel or
the church

Questions for further application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Read 2 Timothy 4:1–5. How serious is Paul’s command in 4:2 to “Preach the Word”? How is the seriousness of that command heightened by 4:1? What are some ways that church members demonstrate their commitment to Biblical preaching?

What does Paul mean by “itching ears” in verse 3? How do people accumulate teachers for themselves to suit their own passions? What are some evidences of that in our day? What’s the difference between ear-tickling and sound/healthy teaching?

GET PERSONAL

Why does Paul tell Timothy to “do the work of an evangelist” (4:5)? How does a preacher/pastor do the work of an evangelist? Is everyone called to the work of evangelism? Are some people uniquely gifted in that area? What are some ways that God might want you to share your faith with another person?

What does it mean to “be ready in season and out of season” (4:2)? How does a member of the church (who doesn’t have a preaching role) apply and live out this command? What about the other commands in 4:2 (i.e. reprove, rebuke, exhort)?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Make it a practice on your Sunday morning drive to church to pray 2 Timothy 4:1–5 over your pastor and others in your community. How can you regularly encourage your pastors and elders to continue faithfully preaching the Word?

ADVANCED QUESTION

When Paul mentions “the Word” in 2 Timothy 4:2, is he referring to the Scriptures or to the Gospel? Is the word “Word” (or “Word of Truth”) sometimes used to refer to the gospel message? What about John 1:1, “In the Beginning was the Word?” What are some of the different ways that “Word” (Greek λόγος) is used in the Bible?