

A Solemn Charge (2 Timothy 4:1-5)

- The church can easily be lead away from the Gospel and Paul knew it
- Paul, close to his departure, gives this last charge to his son Timothy
- As Calvin rightly said: as goes preaching so goes the church

I. The Charge – its Solemnity (v.1)

- 1) Jesus' Judgment: "Who will judge the living and the dead"
- 2) Jesus' Appearing: "At His appearing"
- 3) Jesus' Kingdom: "and His kingdom"

II. The Charge Delivered (v.2)

- 1) Paul demands that Timothy "preach the Word."
- 2) Be ready in season and out of season
- 3) Convince, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and teaching

III. The Charge: Its Reason (vv.3, 4)

- A time will come when people will not endure sound doctrine
- Because of itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers
- They will turn their ears away from the truth, be turned aside to fables

IV. The Charge: What is Needful (v.5)

"But you be watchful in all things"

- Timothy: keep your head, literally be sober & cool in all circumstances
- "Do the work of an evangelist" – preach Christ crucified and raised up"*
- Discharge all the duties of your ministry"