

The PRICE of Preaching *part 4*

The PRICE necessary to preach biblically 2 Timothy 4:5 Chris Mueller 2-3-2019

Introduction:

2 Timothy 4:1-5 I solemnly 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** preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. **3** For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, **4** and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. **5** But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Ezra 7:10 For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the LORD and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel. **Nehemiah 8:8** They read from the book, from the law of God, translating to give the sense so that they understood the reading.

#1 P _____ focus 5a But you

#2 P _____ Discipline 5b be sober in all things

1 Thessalonians 2:3-5 For our exhortation does not come from error or impurity or by way of deceit; but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men but God, who examines our hearts. For we never came with flattering speech, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed.

Acts 20:28 Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. **29** I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; **30** and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.

#3 P _____ to suffer 5c endure hardship

Hebrews 13:23 Take notice that our brother Timothy has been released, with whom, if he comes soon, I will see you.

2 Corinthians 11:23 in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death. **24** Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes. **25** Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep. **26** I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren; **27** I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.

28 Apart from such external things, there is the daily pressure on me of concern for all the churches

Philippians 1:29 For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake.

#4 P _____ efforts to proclaim the GOSPEL 5d *do the work of an evangelist*

Ephesians 4:11 gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers

Romans 10:9 if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; **14** How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?

If you know enough of the gospel to receive it, you know enough to share it with others.

Romans 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

#5 P _____ your Ministry 5e *fulfill your ministry*

Ephesians 2:10 good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Acts 13:36 he had served the purpose of God in his own generation

1st _____ for Christ who labored for you

Colossians 1:28 We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. **29** For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.

Galatians 4:19 My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you—

1 Thessalonians 2:9 For you recall, brethren, our labor and hardship, how working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

2nd Remain _____

3rd Use verse 5 to motivate your _____ for Christ

5 But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

4th Be an evangelist, but first be _____

QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. Why is there such a high price to be a preacher?
2. What does it mean to exercise SOBERNESS in the process of preaching?
3. What kind of suffering happens to teachers and preachers?
4. Why would Paul mention the importance of proclaiming the gospel to Timothy and other preachers?
5. What does it mean for Timothy to fulfill his ministry? What does it mean for you to fulfill your ministry?
6. What kind of steps do you need to take in order to apply this passage to your life?
7. How can this passage encourage you to grow to be more like Christ?

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