

Passing the Torch Faithful to the Word 2 Timothy 4:1-5

Introduction

As he writes this letter, the Apostle Paul focuses upon helping his you protégé, Timothy, become the best Christian he can be. In the very first verse of chapter 4, he writes, "I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom."

1. The Great White Throne Judgment of Revelation 20 is the judgment of all _____.
2. Paul is referring to the Bema Seat Judgment, commonly called the Judgment Seat of _____ at which believers will face judgment.
3. The judgment seat of Christ is where all believers receive their _____ for their Christian service.
4. The call to preach requires a response of _____.
5. The Apostles established the priority of prayer and public _____ during the early days of the church.
6. The reason these words are so crucial for Timothy to hear is that Paul believed firmly in the _____ Coming of the Lord, and he wanted to make sure Timothy did too!
7. In light of the Second Coming of Christ, Paul tells Timothy, Preach the _____.

I. Preach the Word

8. Every believer is called to _____ the truth of God's Word.

Listen to the excellent instruction Paul gives Timothy:

- Don't be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord. (1:8)
9. Hold fast the pattern of _____ words. (1:13)
- The things you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men. (2:2)
10. Rightly divide the Word of _____. (2:15)
- A servant of the Lord must be able to teach (2:24)
 - All Scripture is given by inspiration of God. (3:16)
11. The content of his message should be immersed in the _____.
12. Paul says we should always be ready to share the good news that God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to forgive us of our sins and give us an eternal hope and _____.
13. Always be ready to proclaim your _____!
14. "Convince" means to present a _____ and systematic presentation of the gospel.
15. To "rebuke" means challenging and _____ a person's arguments or behaviors that allow the Holy Spirit to convict them of their sinfulness.
16. To "exhort" literally means to explain with encouragement. And Paul adds with _____.

II. Some Will Reject the Word

17. We need to keep focused on the Word of God because our human instinct is to turn away from God. That's what _____ causes us to do.
18. There are people today obsessed with endless curiosity and an insatiable desire for the newest things and wildest _____.
19. When God changes your _____ and gives you a desire for His Word, you know God's way will always be better for you.
20. It's impossible to believe in the _____ and, at the same time, believe in Reincarnation.
21. By denying the Fall of Mankind, evolution teaches there is no need for a _____, and therefore Christianity is irrelevant.
22. To think that the universe came about by chance is to believe a _____.
23. The only way to turn away from fables is to turn to the _____ of God.

III. Always Respect the Word

24. Paul contrasts those who follow fables and those who follow _____.
25. Paul says, "Be _____ in all things."
26. A watchful person keeps their eyes open and can spot potential _____ ahead of time.
27. Endure _____!

28. Paul also tells Timothy to do the work of an _____.

29. Be _____ to your ministry.

30. Paul's final warning to Timothy is, "If you want a fulfilling ministry and vibrant Christian life, then be faithful to the _____!"

Conclusion

31. Paul did not focus on the visible success of Timothy's ministry but on the excellence of his _____.

32. When we fill our hearts with the Word of God, the Holy Spirit _____ us to make a difference in our world. God has revealed his plan for humanity in His Word.

When we discover God's plan, we also find God's purpose for our life. It is the Word of God that encourages us and teaches us wisdom. As we learn God's ways, the Holy Spirit helps us to discern right from wrong and reveals to us the lies of the enemy.

Answers:

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| 1. Unbelievers | 14. Logical | 28. Evangelist |
| 2. Christ | 15. Refute | 29. Faithful |
| 3. Rewards | 16. Longsuffering | 30. Word |
| 4. Obedience | 17. Sin | 31. Service |
| 5. Preaching | 18. Experiences | 32. equips |
| 6. Second | 19. Heart | |
| 7. Word | 20. Resurrection | |
| 8. Proclaim | 21. Redeemer | |
| 9. Sound | 22. Fable | |
| 10. Truth | 23. Word | |
| 11. Scriptures | 24. Christ | |
| 12. Purpose | 25. Watchful | |
| 13. Faith | 26. Trouble | |
| | 27. Afflictions | |