

ADDRESSING THE NEED IN DIFFICULT TIMES

2 TIMOTHY 4: 1-22

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 - f. "With complete patience & teaching"

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1. People will not endure sound teaching or sound doctrine.
2. People will have itching ears and will desire false teachers.
3. People will turn away from the truth.

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- C. Paul's criteria for Timothy (4:5)
 - 1. Always be sober-minded. (unwavering, steadfast, uncompromising)
 - 2. Endure suffering or hardship. Be willing to work hard and expect to face adversity.

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 - 3. Do the work of an evangelist.
 - 4. Fulfill your ministry.

II. DIFFICULT TIMES REQUIRE DEDICATION (2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8)

A. Paul's reflections (4:6-7)

1. His dedication: "I am already being poured out as a drink offering"
2. His departure: "The time of my departure has come"
3. His defense: "I have fought the good fight"
"I have finished the course"
"I have kept the faith"

II. DIFFICULT TIMES REQUIRE DEDICATION (2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8)

- A. Paul's reflections (4:6-7)
- B. Paul's expectations (4:8) "Henceforth"
 - 1. "Laid up for me"
 - 2. "The crown of righteousness"
 - 3. Given by the righteous Judge
 - 4. Given to "all who love His appearing"

III. DIFFICULT TIMES REQUIRE DILIGENCE (2 TIMOTHY 4:9-22 “DO YOUR BEST”)

- A. Paul desired companionship (4:9-12)
- B. Paul desired comfort (4:13)
- C. Paul desired support (4:14-18)
- D. Paul desired to greet fellow servants (4:20-22)

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A PASTOR

- One who will shepherd the flock well
- One who will be disciplined in handling the Word
- One who will be diligent in studying the Word
- One who will be determined to fulfill his purpose
- One who will be dedicated to the truth
- One who will derive strength from the Lord

I CORINTHIANS 16:13,14

“Be watchful, stand firm in the faith,

Act like men, be strong.

Let all that you do be done in love”