

THE CONDUCT OF A GOOD MINISTER

Introduction: Paul gives a solemn charge to Timothy with five commands for his preaching ministry (3:1-2). He tells him that the time is coming when people will not listen to sound doctrine, but will listen only to what pleases them. He gives Timothy four more commands on how he should conduct his ministry. Then he encouraged Timothy to follow his example to have a good departure from this life.

Lesson aim: For believers to know how to conduct their lives to be ready for Heaven.

Memory Verse: "Watch in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist" (2 Tim 4:5).

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer**I. Timothy's Method of His Ministry: Preach the Word — 4:1-4**

1. What made the charge to Timothy so solemn? 4:1
2. How do the five commands that Paul gave to Timothy about his preaching apply to witnessing? 4:2
3. Why was it so important that Timothy teach and preach sound doctrine? 4:3a
4. Name four things that are true of professing Christians that are unsaved. 4:3b-4
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.

II. Timothy's Manner of Ministry: Practice the Work — 4:5

5. Name four things that were to characterize Timothy's ministry. 4:5
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
6. How would you apply these things to your witnessing ministry?

III. Paul's Musing about His Martyrdom — 4:6-8

7. How did Paul view his approaching martyrdom? 4:6-7
8. How was Paul assured of a crown of righteousness? 4:7-8
9. How can we be assured of a crown of righteousness? 4:8
10. Why did Demas desert Paul? 4:10
11. Who strengthened Paul at his trial? 4:16-17
12. What hope did Paul express through his suffering? 4:18