



“Paul’s Last Words!”

II Timothy 4:1-8

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Three important aspects regarding the duties to which every minister should adhere:

The duties of a faithful minister begin with preaching. (II Tim 4:1-4)

- A. Paul knew that he was accountable to the One before whom he would have to stand one day. (v.1; Heb 9:27)

Paul was in the presence of the Lord who is the coming judge of the world. (Rev 19:11-16)

Ministers must be faithful to preach the Word at all times.

- B. When is a preacher to preach? Anytime he is given the opportunity.

- C. How is he to preach?

1. Faithful preaching begins with correction.
2. Faithful preaching includes a word of rebuke.
3. Faithful preaching should include a word of encouragement.

- D. Why a preacher must preach the whole Word? (v.3-4)

1. Because, if he does not, the people ...
 - a. They will never hear anything about their sin!
 - b. They will never really be taught the true gospel!
 - c. They will never be taught that you must be born again!
 - d. They will never be taught that you must know Jesus!
 - e. They will never see their need for repentance!
2. Churchism is perhaps the most dangerous religion in the world.

1. The duties of a faithful minister will involve hardship! (II Tim 4:5)

- A. When a preacher is doing his work faithfully he will be under the assault of the enemy.
- B. Paul commands Timothy to do four things and these apply today.
1. A faithful minister must keep his head in all situations.
 2. A faithful minister must be prepared to endure hardship.
 3. A faithful minister must do the work of an evangelist. (I Pet 3:15)
 4. A faithful minister must carry out all of his responsibilities. (Acts 20:24)

2. The duties of a faithful minister will be rewarded one day. (II Tim 4:6-8)

- A. The word departure has several meanings (Warren Wiersbe)
1. It means “to hoist anchor and set sail.”
 2. It means “to take down your tent.” (II Cor 5:1)
 3. It means “loosening a prisoner!” (I Cor 15:51-54)
- B. Four things about Paul that we should all emulate.
1. Paul fought the good fight. (I Pet 5:8)
 2. Paul finished the race. (I Cor 9:24-27)
 3. Paul kept the faith. (Heb 12:2-3)
 4. Paul longed to see Jesus.