

## 2015 – Predictions and Prescriptions

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2 Timothy 4:1-8

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I solemnly charge you, in the sight of God and of Christ Jesus, who is about to judge living and dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: <sup>2</sup> herald the word! Be at it seasonably, unseasonably! Reprove! Rebuke! Exhort! — with all longsuffering and instruction.

<sup>3</sup> For the season shall be when they will not put up with healthy teaching, but *instead*, in accord with their own desires, will heap up for themselves teachers, because they have itching ears. <sup>4</sup> And on the one hand, they will turn away their ears from the truth and, on the other, will turn aside to stories.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>5</sup> But as for you, you stay sober in all things. Suffer ill. Do the work of an evangelist. Fully accomplish your service.

<sup>6</sup> For as for me, already I am being made a drink-offering, and the season for my departure is at hand.<sup>2</sup> <sup>7</sup> The good fight, I have fought; the course, I have finished; the faith, I have kept. <sup>8</sup> Henceforth is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord will repay to me in that Day, the righteous Judge; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing! [Pastor Phillips' *ad hoc* translation]

### Introduction:

#### I. \_\_\_\_\_ tion (4:3-4)

##### A. What They Will Deplore (v. 3a)

1. First: **who**?
2. Second: **when**?
3. Third: **what**?
4. What we learn:
  - a. Shepherds
  - b. Sheep

##### B. What They Will D\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3b)

1. The **standard**:
2. The **practice**:
3. The **lesson**:
  - a. For the shepherd
  - b. For sheep

##### C. What They Will D\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 4a)

1. The defection (cf. Proverbs 15:12; John 3:19-20)
2. What we learn:
  - a. Shepherds
  - b. Sheep

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<sup>1</sup> Or *myths* (Gk. *muthous*).

<sup>2</sup> Untranslatable word-play; different tense of same verb translated “Be at it” in v. 2.

**D. Where They Will D\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 4b)**

1. The swerve
2. What we learn:
  - a. Shepherds
  - b. Sheep
  - c. All of us

**II. \_\_\_\_\_ tion (4:1-2, 5)**

**A. Get Your Motivation Right (v. 1)**

1. Note what the motivation *isn't*:
2. Note what the motivation *is*:
3. What we learn:
  - a. Shepherds
  - b. Sheep

**B. Get Your M\_\_\_\_\_ Right (v. 2)**

1. As to **content**:
2. As to **attitude**
3. As to **actions**
4. What we learn
  - a. Shepherds
  - b. Sheep

**C. Get Your M\_\_\_\_\_ Right (v. 5)**

1. The particulars
  - a. *Stay focused*
  - b. *Expect suffering*
  - c. Get the *Gospel* out
  - d. *Don't quit*
2. What we learn:
  - a. Shepherds
  - b. Sheep

**III. \_\_\_\_\_ tion (vv. 6-8)**

**A. Points**

**B. Perspective**