

A Solemn Charge (2 Timothy 4:1-5)

- When we think of a last will and testament: read after we are dead
- It expresses our final wishes for our loved ones regarding our estate
- Paul's last will & testament: delivered to Timothy while he was alive
- In his final words – he expresses what his desire is and what his estate is
- His desire: Timothy, preach the Gospel & Paul's estate: the Gospel

I. The Charge: Its Solemnity (v.1)

- 1) Jesus' judgment: “who will judge the living and the dead”
- 2) Jesus' appearing: “judge the living & the dead at His appearing”
- 3) Jesus' kingdom: “living & the dead at His appearing & His kingdom”

II. The Charge Delivered (v.2)

- 1) “Preach the Word”
- 2) “Be ready in season *and* out of season”
- 3) “Convince”
- 4) “Rebuke”
- 5) “Exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching”

III. The Charge: Its Reason (vv.3,4)

- “men will not endure sound doctrine”
- “they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, & turn aside to fables”

IV. The Charge: What is Needful (Necessary) (v.5)

- “Be watchful in all things” – *Keep your head* “endure affliction”
- “Do the work of an evangelist
- Discharge all the duties of your ministry