

MESSAGE OUTLINE

Occasion : Prayer Service
Date : May 26, 2016

TITLE : A RELEVANT BIBLICAL MINISTRY
Text/s :

2 Tim 4:1-5

1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

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Bible Reading :

Phil 2:12-16

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13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

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Song :

INTRODUCTION:

In our text, the Apostl Paul lays down the guiding principles for a relevant ministry in our day... He says, “for the time will come” v 3.

Paul, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit defines to us how our ministries should be, centuries after his time. He delivered a 5-point guidelines for Timothy (and for us in our day) for us to have effective ministries.

A) Preach the Word like how it should be preached consistent with all ages.

2 Tim 4:2

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2 Herald and preach the Word! Keep your sense of urgency [stand by, be at hand and ready], whether the opportunity seems to be favorable or unfavorable. [Whether it is convenient or inconvenient, whether it is welcome or unwelcome, you as preacher of the Word are to show people in what way their lives are wrong.] And convince them, rebuking and correcting, warning and urging and encouraging them, being unflagging and inexhaustible in patience and teaching.

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Rom 1:16

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

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1 Cor 1:18

18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

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2 Tim 3:16

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

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Preach

- In season
- Out of season
- Reprovingly
- Rebukingly
- Exhortingly
- Patiently and inexhaustibly
- Doctrinally

B) Have a high sense of awareness.

2 Tim 4:5

5 But **watch thou in all things**, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

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2 Tim 4:5

5 **As for you, be calm and cool and steady**, accept and suffer unflinchingly every hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fully perform all the duties of your ministry.

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This is the opposite of sleep and being drunk.

1 Thess 5:6

6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

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1 Thess 5:7-8

7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation

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James 1:21-22

21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls [able to guard your spirit].

22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

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This means we need to be more sensitive to the many opportunities (and dangers) that come our way. Many times we waste our time and resources in not having the right response and attitude to people and things (even circumstances) that come our way. We are never aware that everything done for God and His church has eternal value - and we think that they can just be compared with the things that are in this world. Have our minds renewed. Have the mind of Christ. Fear God. Be wise. Be circumspect. Approve the things that are excellent. Be fully aware of these things!

- **See the world and sin.**

Matt 24:3-7

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

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Matt 24:11-12

11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

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Matt 24:14

14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

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- **See yourself.**

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Col 3:2

2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

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1 John 2:15-17

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

1 Cor 10:12-13

12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

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- See all the opportunities.

Eph 5:14-17

14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

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Ps 25:12-14

12 What man is he that feareth the Lord? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

13 His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth.

14 The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

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C) Be victorious over every challenge

2 Tim 4:5

5 But watch thou in all things, **endure afflictions**, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

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5 As for you, be calm and cool and steady, **accept and suffer unflinchingly every hardship**, do the work of an evangelist, fully perform all the duties of your ministry.

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This is all about increasing the threshold of our spiritual endurance. In the past some of us have been on and off, one day high, the next day low. We were not fixed. We often stumble and fall. But we need to stand strong. We need to be nourished with all the spiritual vitamins so that we may be able to be strong. Then to stand - and stand in full spiritual gear. We are able to weather the trials, problems, negative attitude against us if we are strong in the Lord, in His Word and in His work! We cannot be steadfast, unmovable and abounding - not unless we first be strong to endure.

- Be willing to serve.
- Be willing to suffer. Be willing to be inconvenienced.
- Live sacrificially for God and His work.

Rom 12:1-2

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

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2 Tim 1:8

8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

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2 Tim 2:3

3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

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2 Tim 2:10

10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

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D) Be a deliverer of good things

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To be in church is to be in the saving business of God. And our business is not just to save souls but to save the whole man! That his spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless until His coming! There are those who care about the souls but who do not care that the same soul be saved from corrupt practices and wrong attitude. Some of us cannot even be one with God's people! Some have become pasaway! We want to save people from the error of their ways also! We believe in sanctification - that of our whole being be separated unto God. And we want that all our ministries bear this business!

- Be in the business of saving souls.
- Be in it directly and indirectly.

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1 Tim 4:12

12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

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1 Cor 9:19-22

19 For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.

20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;

21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law.

22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

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1 Cor 10:31-33

31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:

33 Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

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E) Develop a complete, thorough ministry

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NT:4135 plerophoreo (play-rof-or-eh'-o); from NT:4134 and NT:5409; to carry out fully (in evidence), i.e. completely assure (or convince), entirely accomplish: KJV - most surely believe, fully know (persuade), make full proof of.

- o **That which you have gained, make it fully developed.**

Col 4:17

17 And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.

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2 Cor 6:3-12

3 Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed:

4 But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

5 In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings;

6 By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,

7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

8 By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true;

9 As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed;

10 As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

11 O ye Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is enlarged.

12 Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels.

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Rom 12:6-8

6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.
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