

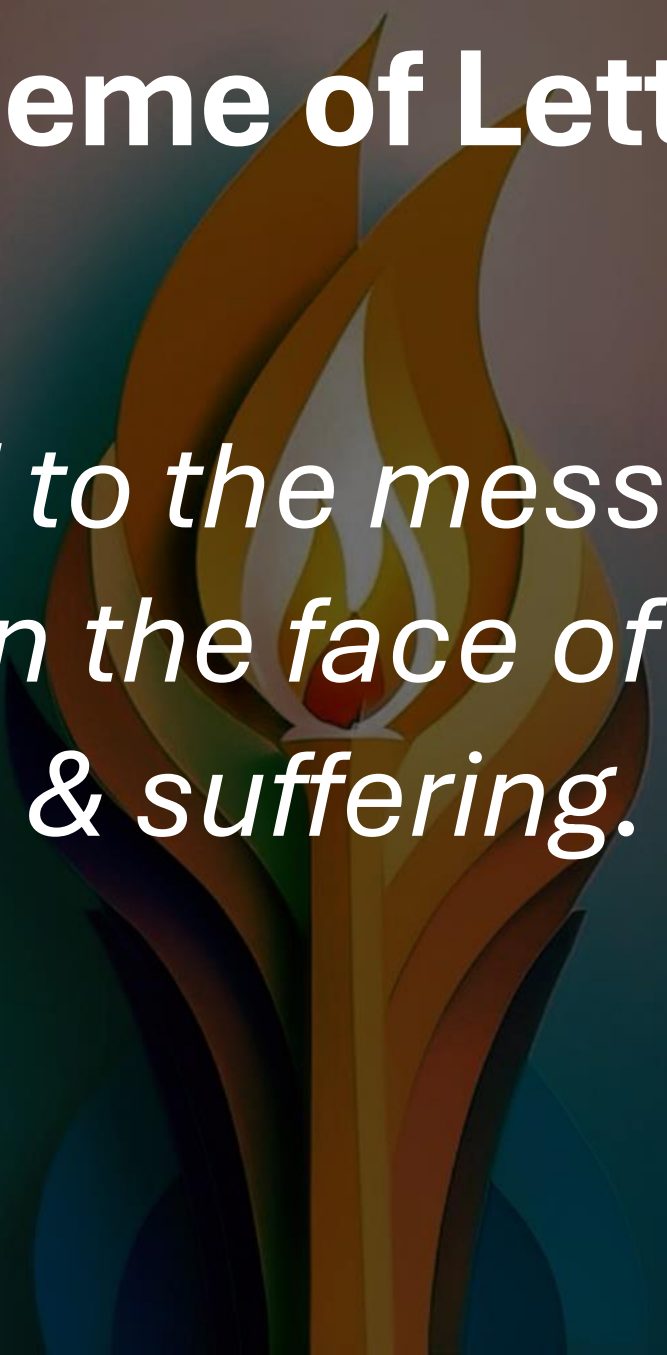


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*2 Timothy*

# Theme of Letter

*To be devoted to the message & mission  
of the gospel in the face of false teaching  
& suffering.*



# Overview

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Call to  
SUFFER for  
the Gospel

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Call to  
ENDURE for  
the Gospel

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Call to be  
STRENGTHENED  
by the  
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Call to  
PREACH the  
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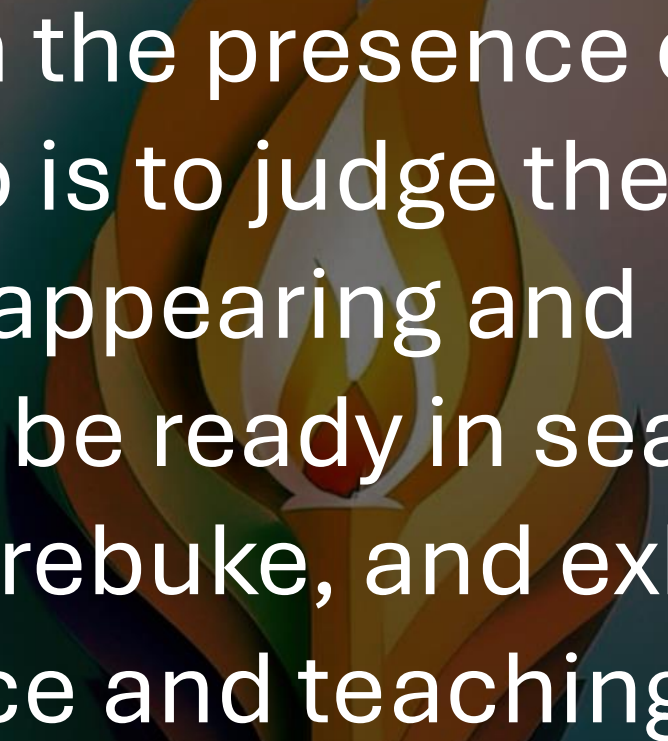


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*Week 11: Preach the Word*

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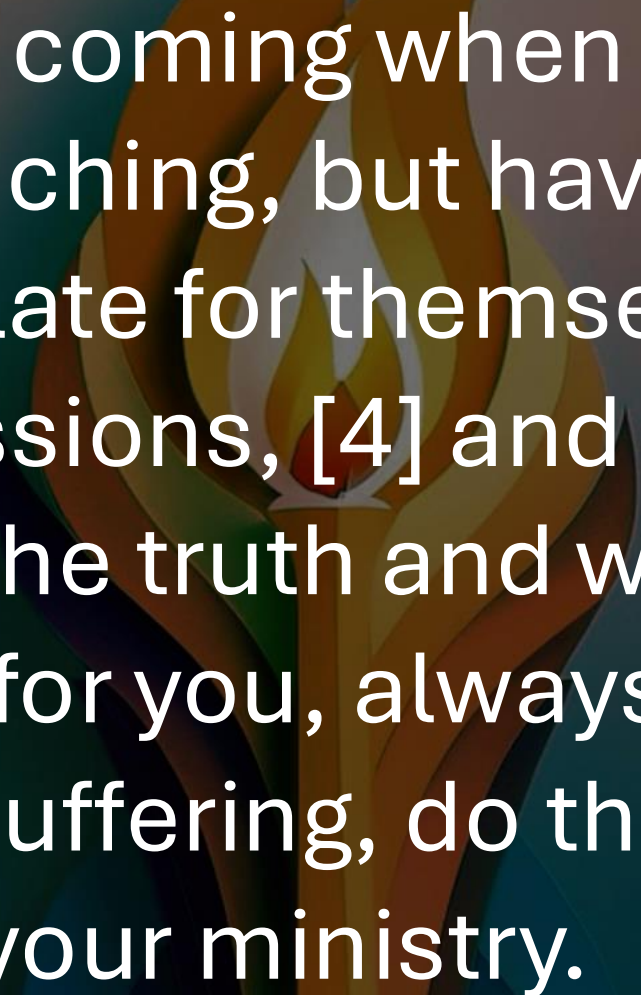
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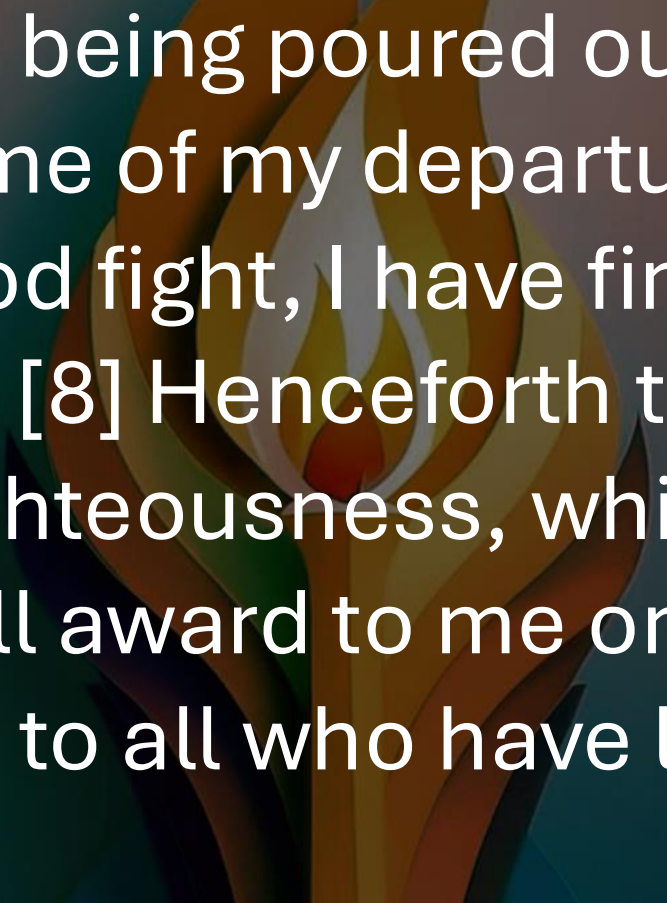
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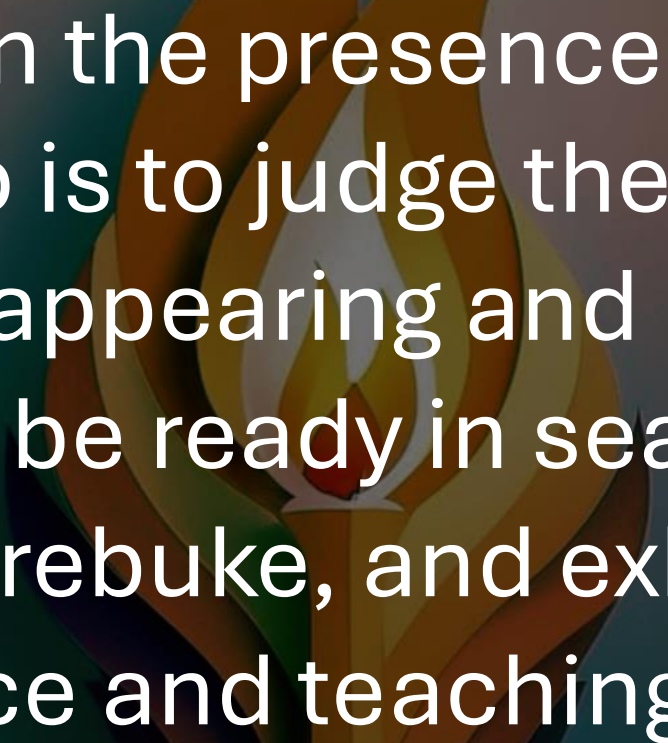
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- This represents, perhaps, the climactic charge in a letter full of exhortations:
  - Fan aflame the gift of God that is in you (1:7)
  - Don't be ashamed, but join in suffering (1:8)
  - Retain the standard of sound words (1:12)
  - Guard the good deposit (1:14)
  - Entrust these things to reliable men (2:2)
  - Suffer hardship like a good soldier of Christ Jesus (2:3)

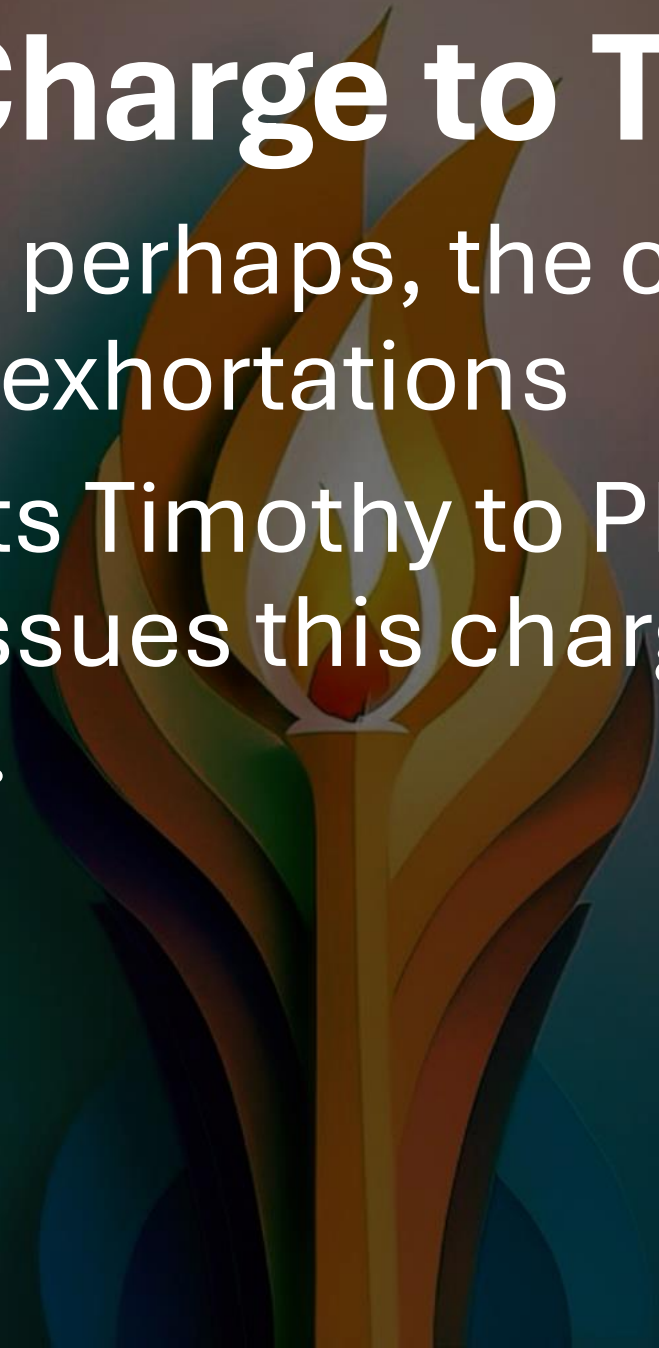
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  - Think over what I say (2:7)
  - Charge them not to quarrel (2:14)
  - Handle God's word accurately (2:15)
  - Pursue righteousness (2:22)
  - Understand the last days & how they will be characterized (3:1-8)
  - Continue in what you have learned (3:14-15)



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- Now Paul exhorts Timothy to PREACH THE WORD, but he issues this charge in a very solemn manner.





*What is a “solemn” charge?*



*What makes the command in  
4:1-2 a “solemn” charge?*

# Paul's Charge to Timothy

- In the presence of God
- In the presence of Christ
- In light of the Judgment of Christ
- In light of Christ's Appearance
- In light of Christ's Kingdom



# Paul's Charge to Timothy

- Timothy is to take this charge with a sober awareness of the *eternal realities* that bear witness to his life and ministry.
- Everything that Timothy does, every word he speaks, every sermon he preaches, every response to other people, every motivation he has – is done under the all-seeing, all-knowing view of Almighty One.
- His Heavenly Father and His Redeeming Lord Christ are the ultimate audience for Timothy's life and ministry



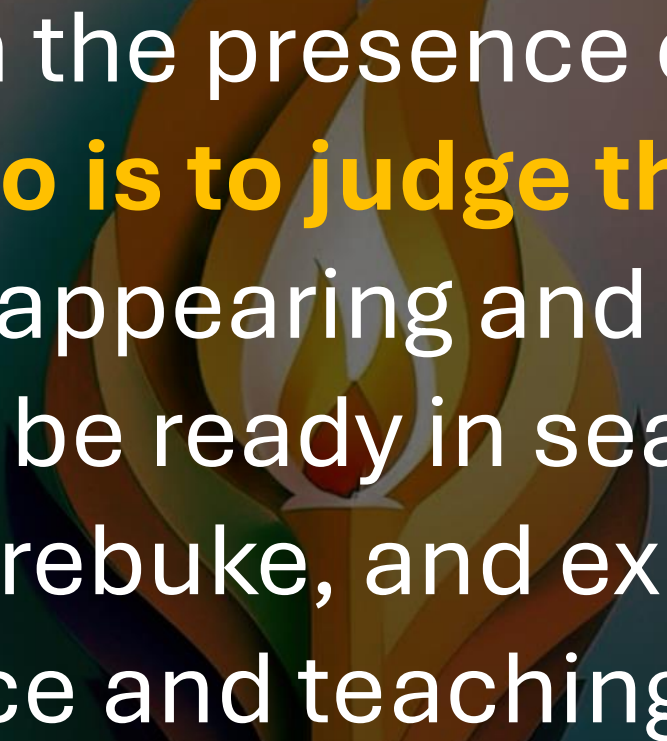
# Paul's Own Example

For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, ***so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.***

(1 Thessalonians 2:3-4 ESV)

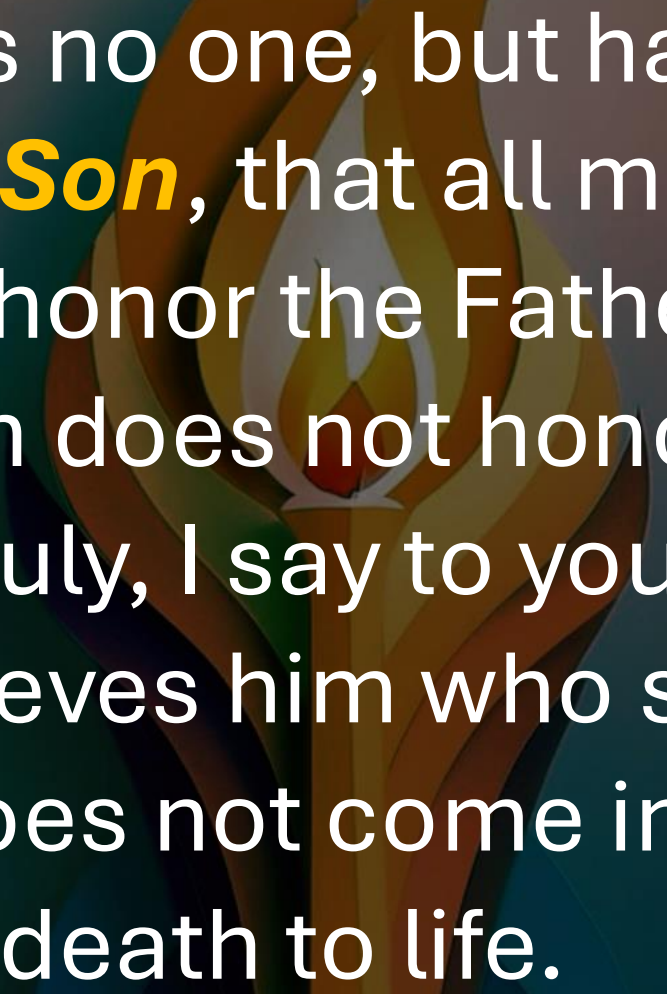
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# John 5:22-24

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# Acts 10:36-43

As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (**he is Lord of all**)... And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that **he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead**. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

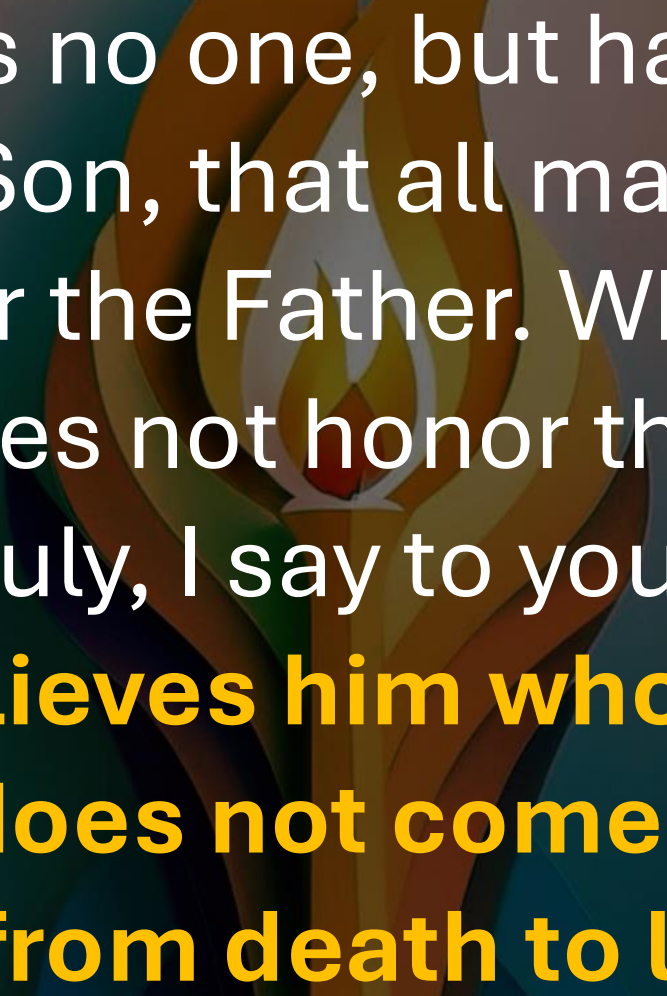


*Why does Paul remind Timothy  
that Jesus is the Judge? Why  
does that matter to Christians?*



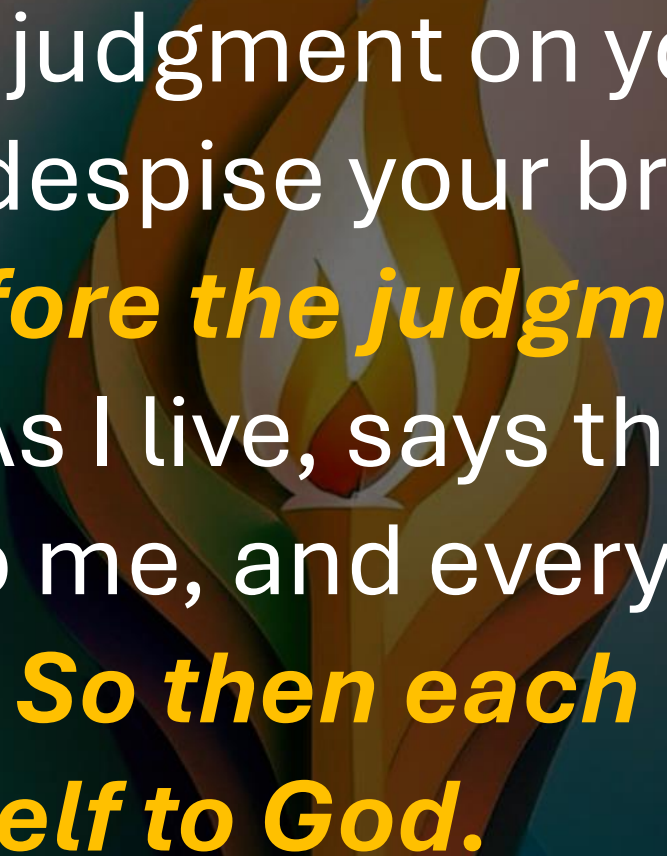
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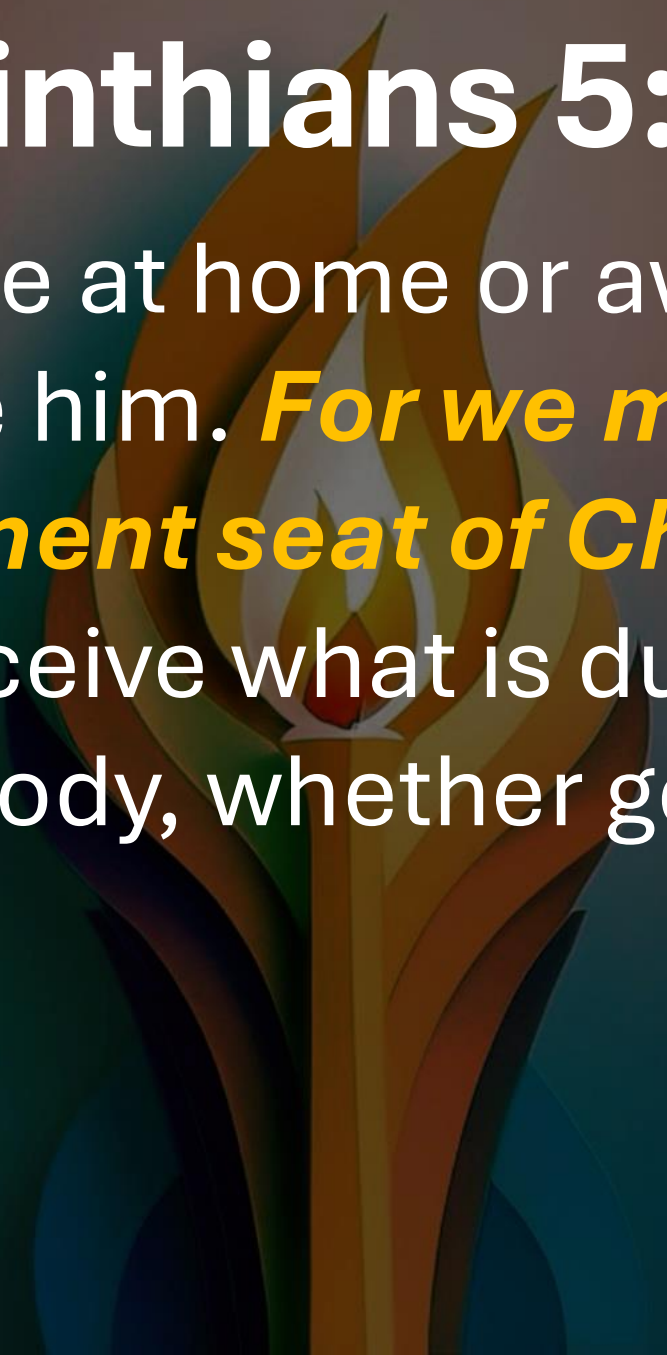
# Romans 14:10-12

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For ***we will all stand before the judgment seat of God;*** for it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” ***So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.***



## 2 Corinthians 5:9-10

So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ***For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ***, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.



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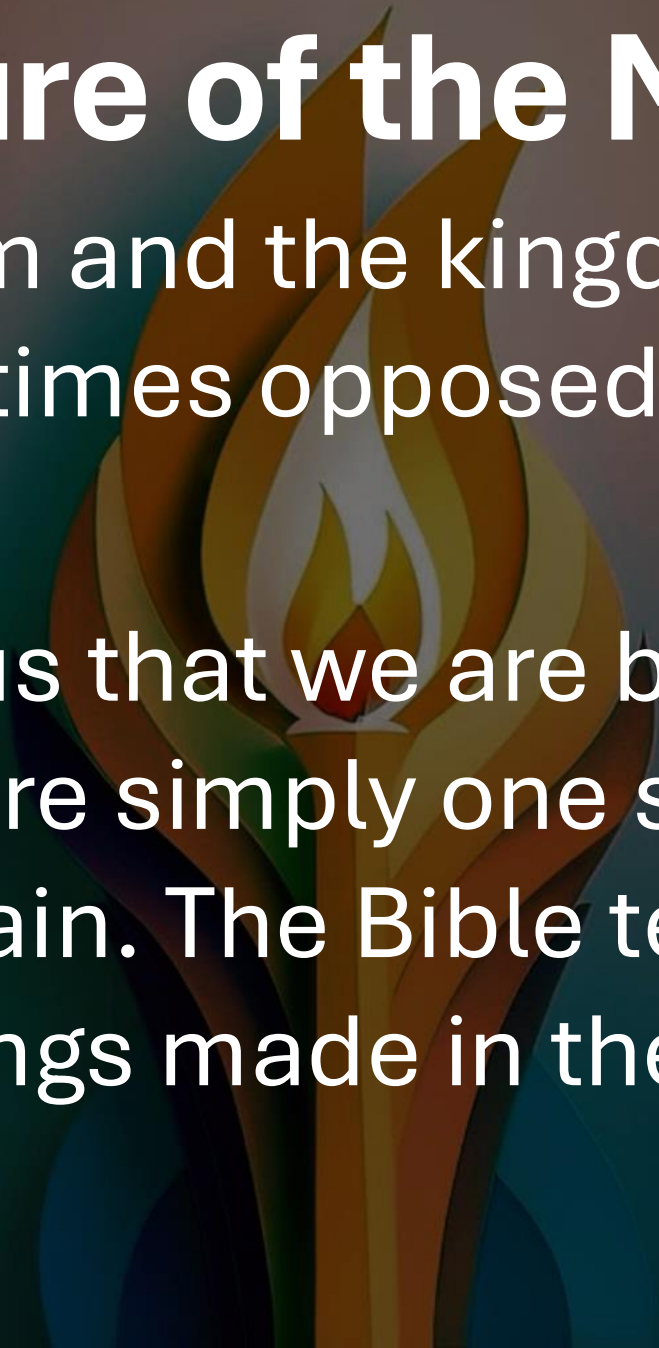


*Why does this charge take on greater significance “in light of Christ’s appearing & kingdom?”*



# The Nature of the Message

- Christ's Kingdom and the kingdoms of this world are often times opposed or at-odds with each other.
- The world tells us that we are biological creatures who are simply one stage in the evolutionary chain. The Bible tells us that we are spiritual beings made in the image of God, the Creator.



# The Nature of the Message



- The world tells us that we are designed to get all the gusto and glory we can out of this short life. The Bible tells us that we are designed to glorify God and find our satisfaction in him.
- The world tells us to hate those who hate us. The Bible tells us to love our enemies.

# The Nature of the Message

- The world tells us, blessed are the rich and famous. The Bible tells us, blessed are the poor in spirit, the meek, the pure in heart.
- The world tells us that there is no absolute truth, no infinite reference point. The Bible tells us there is truth, and the Triune God is the infinite reference point.

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# 2 Timothy 4:2

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# Rx: Preach the Word



- Timothy's job is to faithfully teach, proclaim, explain, defend, preach, and literally here: **herald** God's word. A herald was someone who "carries or proclaims important news."
- It's an appropriate analogy as we consider the call to be ambassadors and witnesses for Christ & His Kingdom.



*What are some of the challenges of  
being an ambassador of Christ's  
Kingdom?*

# Challenges



- We have a message that is counter-cultural, offensive to the sinful nature, & of supreme importance.
- We may feel intimidated, inadequate, or even indifferent about this call to be ambassadors.

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*What does it mean to be ready “in season and out of season?”*



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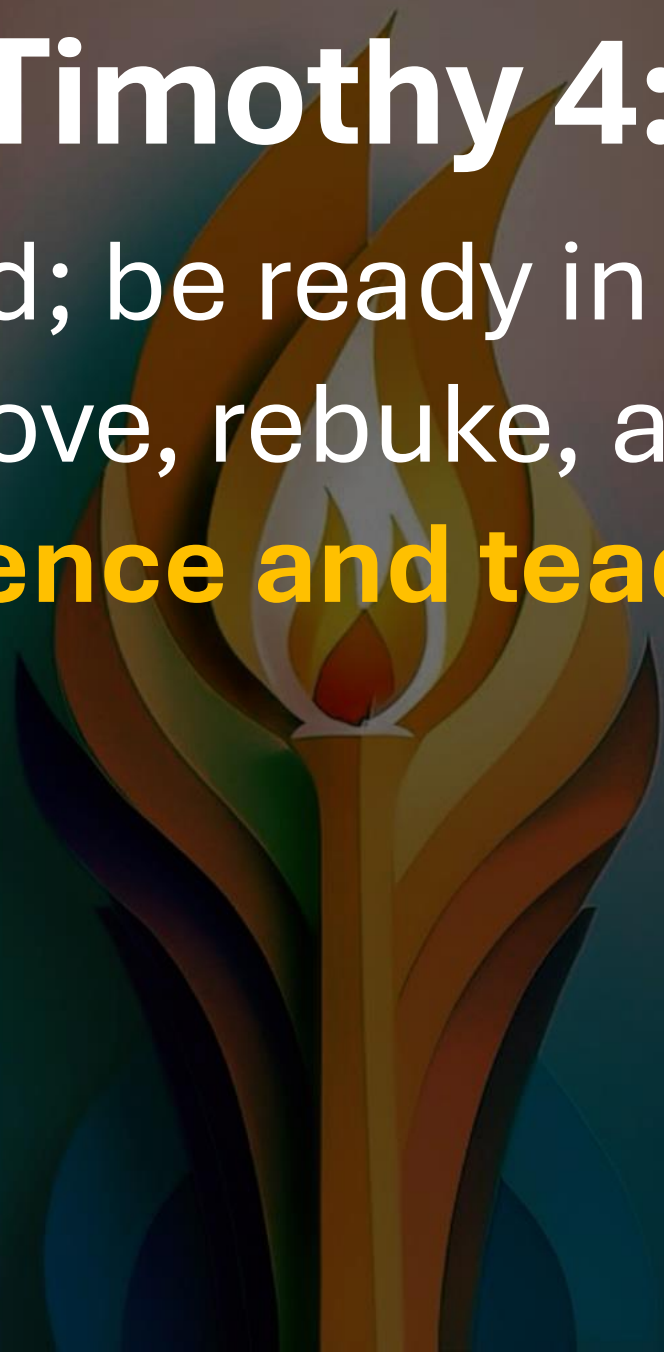
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And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.



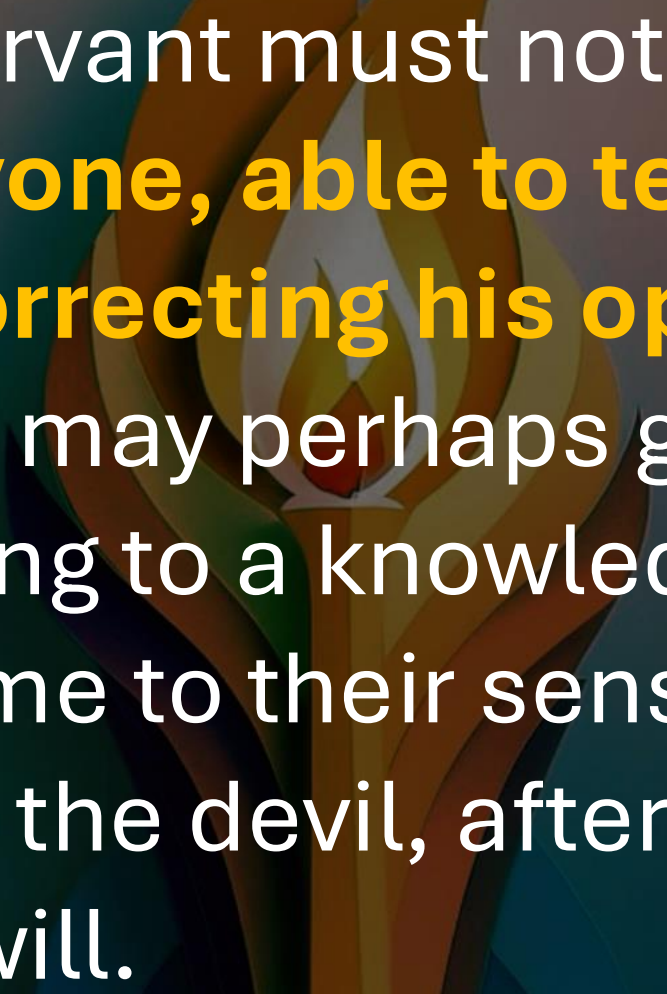
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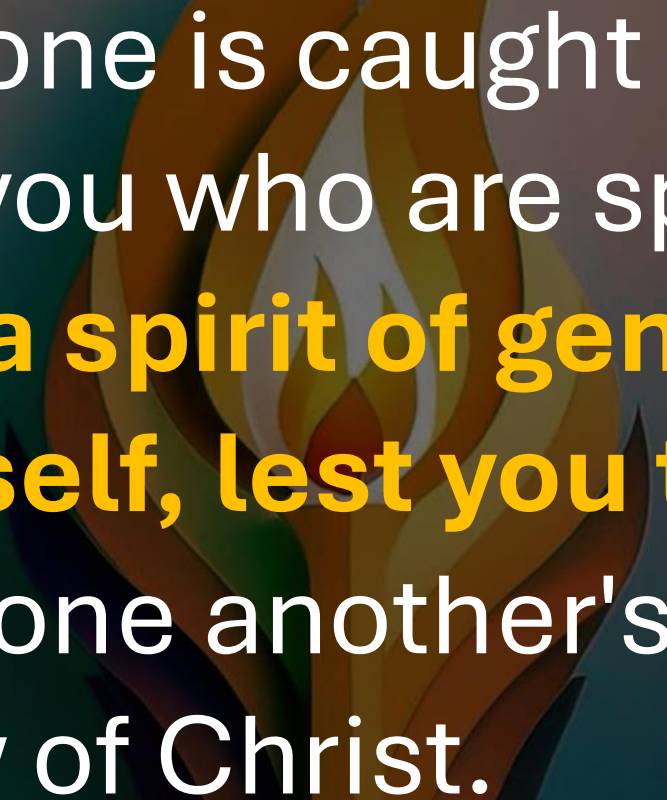
## 2 Timothy 2:24-26

And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but **kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness**. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.



# Galatians 6:1-2

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should **restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.** Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.





## 2 Timothy 4:3-5

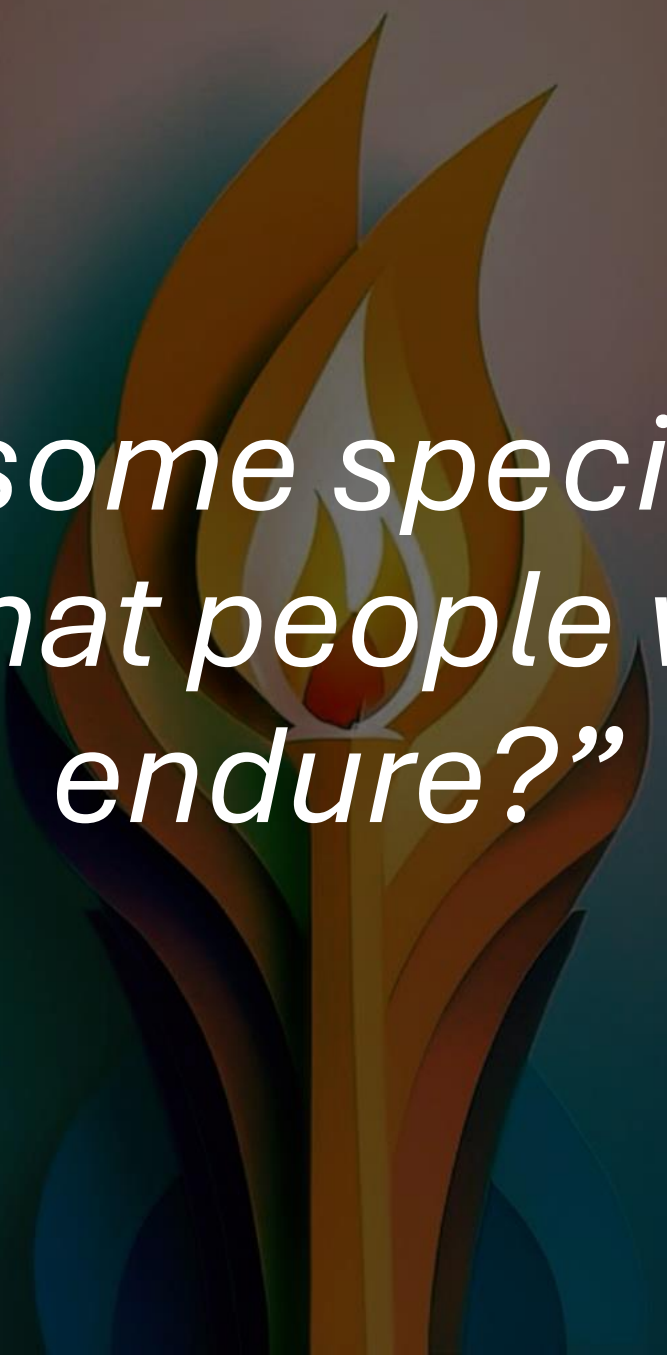
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*What are some specific biblical truths that people will “not endure?”*

# Inconvenient Truths

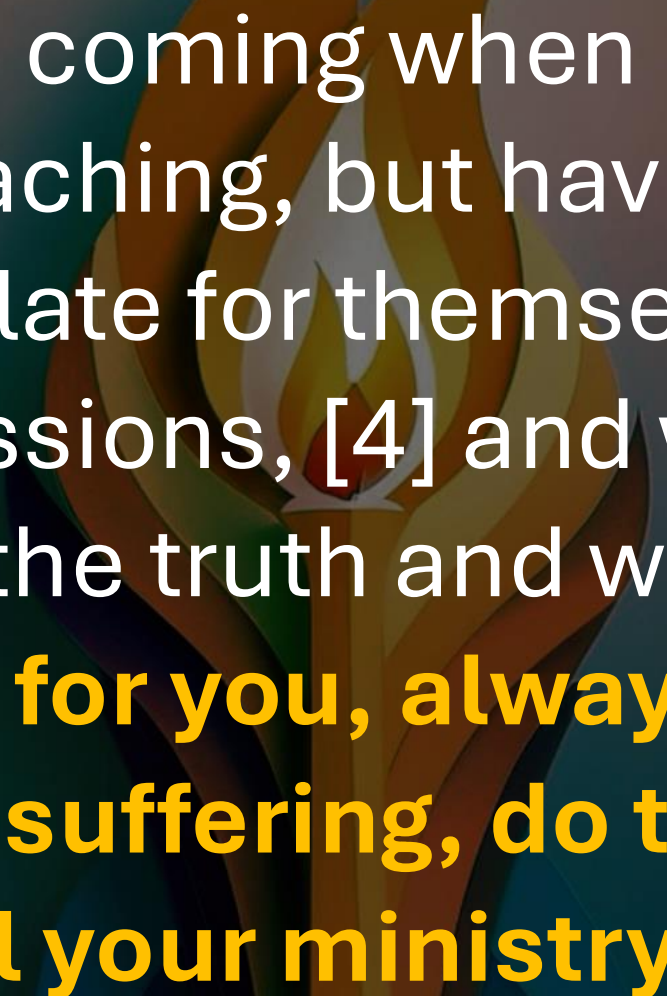


- We don't want to hear that we are sinners. We would rather hear that we are basically good people.
- We don't want to hear that God is holy. We would rather hear that God is just like us.
- We don't want to hear that hell exists. We would rather hear that everyone is entitled to their own version of heaven.
- We don't want to hear about absolute truth. We would rather hear that we can decide our own truth.



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# Timothy's Task



- **Be sober-minded** – don't get caught up in the intoxication of truth-oppressing ideals of the day
- **Endure suffering** – be willing to swim upstream and speak truth in the face of opposition
- **Evangelize** – in a truth-oppressing culture, they need the gospel as the key to unlock the heart towards truth
- **Fulfill your ministry** – faithfulness before God matters more than popularity, or visible results.

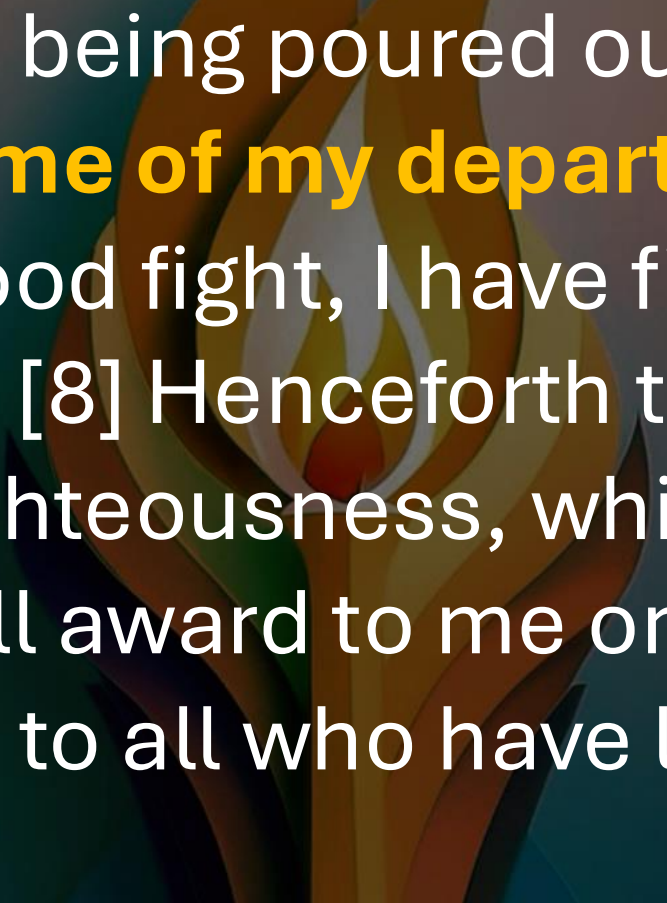
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# Paul's Departure

- This word was used often to speak of the departure of a ship.
- We can envision a ship at the shore and the anchor being hoisted up, the ropes being untied from the dock, and then embarking out into the open sea.
- The imagery demonstrates Paul's hope – that the end of his earthly life, was merely the beginning of a new adventure.







*How do these final words from Paul  
exemplify someone who is worthy  
of imitation?*

# Paul's Example



- His Christian life has been one of worship, where he has “poured out” his life in service of Christ (4:6)
- He has approached ministry with great effort & intention (e.g. like a fight or a race) (4:7)
- His hope extends beyond his current circumstances & bound to the world to come (4:8)
- He is motivated by a certain kind of reward – one that only God can give (4:8)

# Final Charge Framed By...

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