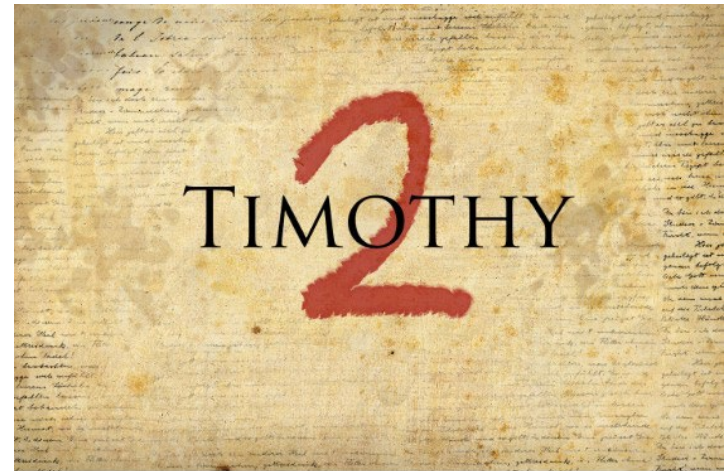


Rigorous Personal Reflections and Conversations

1. Talk about your first job that came with a paycheck and a supervisor that occasionally corrected you.
2. What are your thoughts about preaching and preachers?
3. Many people have told your pastor that his messages seemed to be directed right at them. To what do you attribute such a response?
4. How do you typically respond to correction, rebuke, and encouragement coming from the proclamation of the Word?
5. Describe your understanding of the importance of preparation to effective encounters with the Word preached.



Our Mandate

2 Timothy 4:1-2

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Picture this, a pastor is leaning on the pulpit as he wonders out loud, “This is my fourth sermon on the transforming power of the gospel. So, why do you look like the same old bunch?” Or, two pastors are comparing their churches over coffee and one says, “When I preach I have the audience glued to their seats,” as the other pastor muses, [“Now why didn’t I think of that?”]

Preaching is appreciated by some folks, it’s endured by others, and avoided by the rest of the world. So, what are your thoughts about preaching and preachers? How would you describe your mindset when the preaching starts? We’re under a mandate, “**Preach the Word!**” So how are we doing?

Who’s charging who? (v. 1)

Preach the Word (v. 2a)

Be prepared (v. 2b)

Correct (v. 2c)

Rebuke (v. 2d)

Encourage (v. 2e)