

Summit Woods Baptist Church  
Sermon Study Equipping Class

2 Timothy 3:1-4:5

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read 2 Timothy 3:1-4:5.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

2 Timothy 4:1–5 (NASB95)

<sup>1</sup> I solemnly charge you

in the presence of God

and of Christ Jesus,

who is to judge the living

and the dead,

and by His appearing

and His kingdom:

<sup>2</sup> preach the word;

be ready in season *and* out of season;

reprove,

rebuke,

exhort,

with great patience and instruction.

<sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine;

but wanting to have their ears tickled,

they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,

<sup>4</sup> and will turn away their ears from the truth

and will turn aside to myths.

<sup>5</sup> But you, be sober in all things,

endure hardship,

do the work of an evangelist,

fulfill your ministry.

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1. 3:1 begins with the word “But.” What has Paul been telling Timothy up to this point in the letter?
2. What reason does Paul give for the difficulty which comes in the last days?
3. In contrast to the men described in 3:2-9, how does Paul describe his own lifestyle in 3:10-12?
4. What is connected to godliness in 3:12? How does this compare with the “godliness” of 3:5? (Cf. 1:8)

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5. What is Timothy to continue in according to 3:14-15?

❖ Day 2

Read 2 Timothy 3:1-4:5 again.

6. What does Scripture give in 3:15?
7. What two things mark all of Scripture in 3:16?
8. What is the result of these attributes of Scripture in 3:17?
9. If we are given wisdom for salvation and equipped for every possible good work by Scripture, then what salvation or good work can we do without Scripture's wisdom, teaching, reproof, correction, and training?

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10. If God's Word brings people to Christ and equips them for good works and godliness, what does this say about the people Paul describes in 3:2-9 and 3:13?

11. According to 4:3-4, why does Paul go on to charge Timothy to preach Scripture to others (4:1-2) rather than only urge him to continue in the truths of Scripture (3:14)?

12. How does Paul solemnly charge Timothy? Why? (cf. 4:8)

13. What is involved in Paul's charge to "preach the Word" according to 4:2? Why are these aspects necessary (4:3-4)?

14. In contrast to the people of 4:3-4, how is Timothy supposed to conduct himself according to 4:5?



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19. Where do you see the characteristics of questions 17 and 18 in your own life, and what do those say about your devotion to the Word as it has been preached to you?

20. Based on this passage, how would you answer the question “Why do people require preaching? Why is it not just optional or important, but necessary?”

21. How should your answer to question 20 shape your approach to the preaching here at Summit Woods? How will you live according to this passage of God’s Word (in your schedule, your prayers, your attentiveness, etc.)?

In preparation for Sunday, pray that the Spirit would use His Word to expose your heart before Him and see where your life is guided by self and sin rather than God and Scripture. Pray for clarity in hearing the Word preached, that you might walk according to it in every good work God has prepared for you. Pray for God’s Word to go forth in our congregation, that we might be a Word-driven people as we await the appearing of Jesus Christ, our Judge and Savior.