

TO TIM | Week 4

2 Timothy 4

- Final Challenge to Timothy
- Jesus is the Judge
 - The charge is in front of Timothy, reminding him that he can't gauge someone's heart
- Preach the word!
 - Word- Jesus, the scripture, the truth, and do not vary from that.
- Be ready at all times
 - Reprove and Rebuke
 - Correct bad theology, help others understand, let scripture point out sin in your life and others
 - Exhort
 - Encourage, build up, allow scripture and your teaching to do this. The gospel is not of hate but of love
 - With patience
 - You got to give it time, you can't rush it, and it takes time for someone to be built up in scripture
- **Vs 3** -2 parts
 - Bad teachers
 - That means that people will have to wander from teaching the truth and that they will trust on their own understanding
 - Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding
 - Your own understanding will lead you down weird paths
 - Itching ears
 - You will find the bad teachers that will tell you what you want to hear.
 - This is so crucial because there will at least be a few more times you have to pick a church. So, when you must look for a church what are you looking for?
 - Types of bad speakers in the church
 - Prosperity
 - All you have to do is ask God for it. They will make the blessed seem like a materialistic life. If you ask God he will always heal or he will always give. He is not a genie in a bottle
 - Non bible centered
 - Do not open the bible, reference it but do not teach from it. They take it out of context
 - Spark- AdvoCare. Someone posted a spark advertisement and put a bible verse on it arguing that this is what the bible talked about. This is not what scripture is talking

about. (or use another example of what is going on; scripture being taken out of context.)

- Cultural preachers
 - Everything is based on culture
 - They take an overarching theme and bend it to what culture says.
 - Joy - turns to God wants you to be happy
 - Sex is ok outside of marriage if you're planning on marrying them
 - Love - you can love whoever you want whenever
 - God will not send good people to hell
 - You do not have to repent
 - It's easy to start to look for false teachers that fit a certain agenda or a certain look.
 - Even when we go to conferences, we must check everything against the bible. We must make sure the bible is staying in the middle of it all.
- What do people want?
 - Validation that your right
 - Your right to think that way because God created everyone different
 - Everything is ok
 - God is a nice God, and he loves everyone
 - There is such a thing as sin, and it needs to be talked about because it must be confronted
 - Do what you want
 - God will forgive so live however
 - All things are lawful (*1 Cor 10:23*)
 - See I can do whatever
 - But not all is helpful
 - Going to that place
 - Watching those movies
 - Drinking alcohol
 - Dating that person
 - Nothing offensive
 - The bible is offensive, but believers should not be
 - You will follow your passions
 - The church in the States
 - I like this style of music and this style
 - Right doctrine and theology are secondary many times
- They will wander
 - Make sure you are rooted
 - Colossians 2:6-7
- Endure Suffering

- Because if you stick with Jesus you will face it.
- Fulfill your ministry
 - Jesus fulfilled his ministry for you.
 - So, you have the opportunity to fulfill your ministry for him.
 - **Matthew 5:17**
 - Jesus is the fulfillment
 - Not only did he fulfill the law and what the prophets said but Jesus can also fulfill you
 - Some of you are searching for some fulfillment
 - It can be found in Jesus and that emptiness can be filled; he can bring joy and peace
 - Well, some of you have gone to Jesus and it has not worked before
 - Were you looking at the true Jesus?
 - Or were you listening to a false teacher or following your own itching ears
 - Sometimes you can hear the truth, but you only hear what you want to