

Preach the Word
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Scripture Lesson is 2 Timothy 3:14-4:8. **This is an excerpt from the message.**

Ver. 17: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

The Christian, the minister, is the man and woman of God. That which finishes a person of God in this world is the scripture. Whatever duty we have to do, whatever service is required from us, we may find enough in the scriptures to furnish us for it.

On the whole we here see, 1) That the scripture has various uses, and answers diver ends and purposes. **It is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.** 2) The scripture is a perfect rule of faith and practice, and was designed for the man of God, the minister as well as the Christian who is devoted to God. If we consult the scripture which was given by inspiration of God, and follow its directions, we shall be made men of God, perfect, and **thoroughly furnished unto all good works.** If we would love the Bible and keep close to the scriptures, we shall find the benefit and advantage designed by them and shall at last attain the happiness therein promised and assured to us.

Chapter 4:1 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; Observe how awfully this charge is introduced. The best of men have need to be awed into the discharge of their duty. The work of the minister is not an indifferent thing, but absolutely necessary. **Woe be to him if he preach not the gospel. I Cor. 9:16** To induce him to faithfulness, he must consider. That the eye of God and Jesus Christ was upon him. **I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ;** that is, "as thou solicit the favor of God and Jesus Christ," both your maker and redeemer. He charges him as he will answer it at the great day, reminding him of the judgment to come, which is committed to the Lord Jesus. He shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom, that is, when he appears in his kingdom.

It concerns all, both ministers and people, seriously to consider the account that they must shortly give to Jesus Christ of all the trusts reposed in them. Christ shall judge the quick and the dead, that is, those that at the last day shall be found alive, and those who shall be raised to life out of the grave. God has **committed all judgment unto the Son, Acts. 10:42.** He will come the second time and appear in His glory. For he will appear in his kingdom, sitting on a throne, to judge the world.

Ver. 2: Preach the word; be instant in season out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. The minister business is to preach the word. They are not to speak of their own notions but preach the pure Word of God. **They must not corrupt it, but as of sincerity, in the sight of God, they speak in Christ. 2 Cor 2:17.**

The Bible is the inspired Word of God. It should be preached and taught to everyone.