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Paul's Charge vs1

1. Why give the "Charge"?
 - a. 2 Tim 3:16
 - i. Scripture is of God
 1. As creator God understands man completely and knows what is needed
 2. It is what is needed for man to be "perfect". God's word is more than just for salvation but what is needed for a person to be "perfect"
 - a. 2 Peter 1:3
2. The importance of the "Charge"
 - a. In presence of God and Jesus and by his appearing and kingdom
 - i. Highest charge Paul could likely give

Preach the Word vs2a

1. Not the preacher's opinions or his own wisdom
2. Jesus commanded that all his word be taught – Matthew 28:20
 - a. Preacher is not allowed to preach only what he believes effective – all things commanded must be taught

How to Preach vs2b-3a

1. Be instant in season and out of season – literally *Stand ready when it's opportune and when it's not*
 - a. Jewish Philosophers of that day taught to only teach when opportune – Sirach 32:4 Where there is entertainment, do not pour out discourse, and do not display your wisdom at the wrong time.
 - b. Be ready to preach at every opportunity
2. Preach God's word as he intended his word to work in the lives of his people.
 - a. 2 Tim 3:16 God's word is for "reproof", "correction", "instruction in righteousness"
 - b. Since it is for "reproof (instruction)" use it to "convict". Use to expose error and to correct

- c. Since it is for “correction” use it to “rebuke”. Use it to admonish
 - d. Since it is for “instruction in righteousness” use to “exhort”. Use it to encourage, to call to one’s side
- 3. Preach it with patience and doctrine
 - a. Not everyone at the same place at the same time
 - b. Takes time to spiritually grow
 - c. Keep the doctrine proclaimed so that people will grow
- 4. **Preach it so people know how to live**
 - a. God’s word is NOT limited to just the word for salvation – it is given so believers know how to live –
 - i. Eternal life depends on it –
 - 1. Hebrews 12:14 – Holiness is required to see God –
 - a. Salvation is by Faith in Jesus – that brings Christ’s righteousness on to the believer and justifies the believer so that according to the law we are no longer guilty – Romans 3:22-24 - But it does not bring holiness
 - b. Instead it destroys sin’s rule over the believer and placing Christ as the new rule where we pursue righteousness. Romans 6:1-14
 - 2. If our lives do not pursue after righteousness James says our faith is dead. James 2:14-17
 - 3. Paul used the example of Israel wandering in the desert 1 Corinthians 10:1-5 –Disobedient Hebrews failed to enter the promised land
 - 4. The calls that though out the NT for holiness are not options but

requirements met by those with
“real” faith.

5. How we lives Matters!

ii. Evangelism depends on it

1. 1 Peter 3:15 – Non believers “ask”
believers about their hope

2. If we look like the world they will
have no reason to ask

5. Preach because there is a limited for when people will listen 3a

a. Time coming when they will not be satisfied with healthy
teaching

i. Effects of a healthy diet same is for teaching

The Itch vs3b

1. Secular Counseling

a. Competes against scripture – Makes claims to a more
scientific understanding of man’s condition that it has the
answers to “mental health”

2. I can list 13 secular counseling models based on different theories –

a. none are in agreement

b. None consider the effects of sin

c. None consider the effects of the Holy Spirit in a believer

d. All are ill equipped to address a believer’s emotional status