

# STAND FIRM

2 Timothy 4:1-8

Fulfill Your Ministry

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1 Timothy 4:1-8 NIV

**4** The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. <sup>2</sup> Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. <sup>3</sup> They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth. <sup>4</sup> For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, <sup>5</sup> because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

<sup>6</sup> If you point these things out to the brothers and sisters, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed. <sup>7</sup> Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. <sup>8</sup> For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

v. 1- Do you have the sense of urgency and importance on your life?

We live in the full view of God.

To evaluate us for a reward.

And he's coming back.

All in light of 1 Timothy. 1:9-10

What is God watching over in our lives?

That we would fully discharge all the duties of our ministry.

What is your ministry and what are your duties?

The first one is that we would preach the word.

Preach= herald; go and report had already been done.

We're telling others what has already been done for them by Christ.

This is the first ministry for all Christians.

Report to others what Jesus has already provided.

Be prepared= be "instant"; be urgent.

Be so equipped that you can do this without preparation.

Apologetics.

Know your own story. (before, how, after Christ)

Holy Spirit.

Correct= convict; talk about the gospel and how it applies to all of life.

Apply the grace of Jesus to every area of heart and life.

Rebuke= point out false thinking and warn what happens if you keep doing it.

Encourage= walk closely with someone to exhort them to a life that stands up in God's courtroom.

Is our Christian community like this?

We must redefine our idea of community from:

I like you, Bible study as knowledge, share some activities together.

To: I will love you, Bible study for heart and life change, life in order to minister together.

all of this takes lots of patience!

Are you doing any of these in your ministry?

Another sign of foolishness is giving up sound doctrine for what tickles my fancy.

Keep your head, tell people about Jesus, fully carry out your ministry.

vv. 6-8; Poured out like a drink offering.

The end of life is coming for all of us.

Will it be spent?

It will be poured out as a drink offering?

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We can spend our lives on all kinds of things.

Or we can live in giving ourselves away so many others will come to God.

For a crown of righteousness and because Jesus is coming back.

Not a crown of life.

This is a reward for the person who has lived consistently faithful for many years.

Because we get to see Jesus and offer him our life as a joyful, sacrificial offering.

How can I say thanks

For the things You have done for me?

Things so undeserved

Yet You gave to prove Your love for me;

The voices of a million angels

Could not express my gratitude

All that I am and ever hope to be

I owe it all to Thee

[Chorus 1]

To God be the glory

To God be the glory

To God be the glory

For the things He has done

[Chorus 2]

With His blood He has saved me

With His power He has raised me;

To God be the glory

For the things He has done

[Bridge]

Just let me live my life,

Let it be pleasing, Lord to Thee

And if I gain any praise

Let it go to Calvary