



## THE DUTY OF EVERY PASTOR AND RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY CHURCH

### GOOD THINGS ALSO COME IN THREES – 2 TIMOTHY 4:1-5

Although every word in the Bible is pure and precious there is an element of significance attached to \_\_\_\_\_ words. At the time of writing life is bleak for the apostle Paul as he sits in a Roman dungeon on death row waiting to be executed for his faith. Yet even in this state he seems highly energized declaring powerful \_\_\_\_\_, in a unique series of threes, revealing the \_\_\_\_\_ of every pastor and the responsibility of every church throughout history. We often say bad things come in threes but today we shall see that good things also come in threes.

#### 1. Preach the word – 2 Timothy 4:1-2

##### a. In season, out of season

- 1) Reprove – to cast blame upon, to confirm what is wrong, to convince of things wrong; to provoke a sense of guilt over wrong-doing
- 2) Rebuke – to chasten; to afflict one in order for them to refrain from evil or sin; to inflict correction in order to heal
- 3) Exhort – to encourage; to give strength and courage; to urge good works and laudable conduct; to motivate others to do good things they normally would not do by stepping out of their comfort zone

To exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine

##### b. \_\_\_\_\_ preaching is 2 parts negative, 1 part positive

#### 2. Endure sound doctrine – 2 Timothy 4:3-4

##### a. Because the time will come when:

- 1) They will desire *teachers* instead of preachers

These teachers will help them to \_\_\_\_\_ the lusts of their own heart

- 2) They will turn their ears away from the truth

They will not be able to stomach truth

They will find biblical preaching foolish

They will be offended and even repulsed by the preaching of sound doctrinal truth

- 3) They have a strong desire for \_\_\_\_\_

##### b. Refuse to scratch their itching ears

3. Watch thou in all things – 2 Timothy 4:5

a. Trouble and persecution will follow you

1) Endure afflictions

Do not give up easily in the sight of possible persecution  
Be creatively courageous

b. Press forward with your hands on the plow

2) Do the work of an evangelist

Some people have the natural ability to witness—watch them, listen and \_\_\_\_\_  
Evangelism is called “\_\_\_\_\_” – don’t be lazy, just do it

3) Make full proof of thy ministry

There needs to be evidence and \_\_\_\_\_ you’re doing the work of the Lord  
Do not die, go to heaven, and fail in your ministry