



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

Christians, Preach the Word! January 29-31, 2022

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God^[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. **4** In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ² Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

1. If you moved to a new community and could join one of 4 different WELS congregations, how would you decide which to join? What would you look for?

2. In regard to religion, what do people's ears "itch" to hear these days?

3. Agree/disagree: It's wrong to listen to people who say what we want to hear.

4. Agree/disagree: According to v. 14, Paul says it's better if people stick with the religion of their youth.

5. Timothy knew the Holy Scriptures from infancy. What are your earliest memories of the Bible? Who taught you?

6. How do you know the Bible is true?

7. When Timothy was a child, the New Testament hadn't been written yet. How could Old Testament Scriptures make Timothy "wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus"?

8. What purposes does the Word serve besides working faith in Jesus?

9. What does Paul mean by "Be prepared (to preach the word) in season and out of season? What might that look like in your life?

10. Agree/disagree: These verses are more applicable for clergy than laity.