

**INSTRUCTION FOR EQUIPPING THE SAINTS
2 TIMOTHY 4:1-5**

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Grace Bible Church

*ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE ARE SAVED TO SERVE HIM.
GOD'S PEOPLE WILL SERVE HIM WELL WHEN THEY CAREFULLY ADMINISTER GOD'S TRUTH.*

1. To Equip Others, Be Faithful with Your _____ (vv. 1-2)

✓ Be doctrinally faithful because of your _____ (v. 1)

✓ Be doctrinally faithful because of your _____ (v. 2)

2. To Equip Others, Be Wary of Unfaithful _____ (vv. 3-4)

"WE NEED TO REPENT OF THE HAUGHTY WAY IN WHICH WE SOMETIMES STAND IN JUDGMENT UPON SCRIPTURE AND MUST LEARN TO SIT HUMBLY UNDER ITS JUDGMENT INSTEAD. IF WE COME TO SCRIPTURE WITH OUR MINDS MADE UP, EXPECTING TO HEAR FROM IT ONLY AN ECHO OF OUR OWN THOUGHTS AND NEVER THE THUNDERCLAP OF GOD'S, THEN INDEED HE WILL NOT SPEAK TO US AND WE SHALL ONLY BE CONFIRMED IN OUR OWN PREJUDICES. WE MUST ALLOW THE WORD OF GOD TO CONFRONT US, TO DISTURB OUR SECURITY, TO UNDERMINE OUR COMPLACENCY AND TO OVERTHROW OUR PATTERNS OF THOUGHT AND BEHAVIOUR."

— JOHN STOTT,
AUTHENTIC CHRISTIANITY.

3. To Equip Others, Be Faithful with Your _____ (vv. 5)

✓ Be faithful in _____

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✓ Be faithful in _____

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"...IF [GOD REALLY IS DRAWING PEOPLE TO SALVATION AND BUILDING HIS CHURCH] THEN IT IS TIME TO SAY GOODBYE TO OUR SMALL AND SELF-ORIENTED AMBITIONS, AND TO ABANDON OURSELVES TO THE CAUSE OF CHRIST AND HIS GOSPEL. GOD HAS A PLAN THAT WILL DETERMINE THE DESTINY OF EVERY PERSON AND NATION IN THE WORLD, AND IT IS UNFOLDING HERE AND NOW AS THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST IS PREACHED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT IS Poured OUT. IS THERE ANYTHING MORE VITAL TO BE DOING IN OUR WORLD? IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN OUR JOBS, OUR FAMILIES, OUR PASTIMES — YES, EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE COMFORT AND SECURITY OF FAMILIAR CHURCH LIFE. WE NEED TO RECAPTURE THE RADICALISM OF WHAT JESUS SAID TO THE YOUNG MAN WHO WANTED TO RETURN AND BURY HIS FATHER: 'LEAVE THE DEAD TO BURY THEIR OWN DEAD. BUT AS FOR YOU, GO AND PROCLAIM THE KINGDOM OF GOD' (LUKE 9:60)."

— MARSHALL AND PAYNE,
THE TRELIS AND THE VINE.

By the grace of God, one thing I will do this week in response to this sermon is :