

Four Good Reasons

You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

ACTION: 3:14 AND 4:5 **Continue!** (? 1:8; 2:2,15; 4:2 “proclaim, be ready, reprove, rebuke, instruction!”) exhort ... patience,

Do the work of an evangelist (“the work of the gospel!”)

THIS MORNING: FOUR GOOD REASONS WHY WE SHOULD KEEP ON WITH THE WORK OF THE GOSPEL

1. Because the Bible can do so much good!

Vs.15 gives wisdom → *salvation through faith in Christ Jesus*

Vss. 16,17 teaches, reproves, corrects, trains in righteousness → *equips for every good work*

2. Because people can be so unreceptive

4:2-5 be ready in season and out of season
reprove, rebuke, exhort with great patience and instruction
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they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires
will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.
be sober in all things, endure hardship (**1:8; 2:3**)

3. Because Christ Jesus will judge the living and the dead...

2 Timothy 4:1 ... Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:

1 Corinthians 4:5 ...wait until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men's hearts

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Revelation 20:11,12 ...I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

4. Because each of us is positioned on purpose

3:17 “equipped for every good work” **4:5** “fulfill your ministry”

Eph 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for **good works,**
which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.