

“Can We Preach The Gospel And Leave Others Alone?”

Lesson Text: **2 Timothy 4:1-5.**

I. Not If We Want Truth To Be Heard.

- God Wants All To Hear The Truth Of His Word- **Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16; Romans 1:14-15; 1 Corinthians 9:16; Colossians 1:23.**
- We Cannot Be Selective Or Partial In Our Preaching To The Lost— All Need Truth!
- **Acts 10:34-35.**
- **Acts 17:16**, *While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. (NRSV).*
- What Did Paul Do? He Spoke Up- **Acts 17:22.**
- Paul Openly Declared To Those Needed To Hear It- **Acts 17:19-30.**
 - The True God Who Made The World.
 - The Need For Repentance.
 - The Certainty of Judgment.
 - The Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

II. Not If God Demands That We Warn The Lost.

- Ezekiel Was Called To Warn The Lost- **Ezekiel 33:1-8.**
- We Lovingly Warn The Lost- **Ephesians 4:15.**
- **Colossians 1:28.**
- We see this pattern throughout the Bible:
 - **Noah** warned the world of coming judgment while building the ark.
 - **Moses** warned Pharaoh and Israel of God’s will.
 - **Jonah** warned Nineveh, and the city repented.
 - **John the Baptist** warned of the coming wrath and preached repentance.
 - **Jesus** warned repeatedly about hell, judgment, hypocrisy, and the need to repent.
 - **Paul** warned Jews and Gentiles, kings and governors, the righteous and the sinful alike.
- **Jeremiah 20:8-9.** Jeremiah Could Not Keep Silent!

III. Not If We Want To Save The Lost In Error & In Sin.

- Jesus’ Mission- **Luke 19:10.** Our’s Mission Too!
- Why Paul Spoke To Felix & Drusilla- **Acts 24:24-25.**
- Why Paul Attempted To Persuade Agrippa- **Acts 26:26-29.**
- **2 Corinthians 5:10-11; 10:5; Jude 22-23.**

IV. Not If We Want To Be Free From The Blood Of All Men.

- Paul Told The Ephesian Elders- **Acts 20:26-27.**
- Silence Is Not Innocent, It Hurts Us! **Ezekiel 33:8.**
- “Live And Let Live” Is Not An Option! God Will Not Approve Or Reward Us For It!
- **2 Timothy 4:1-2; Acts 20:27.**
 - That Is Why We Must Do As Paul Did:
Preach The Word, Reprove When Needed, Rebuke When Necessary,
Exhort With Patience, And Declare The Whole Counsel of God.