

Dear Friends and Family,

Diamartyromai!
I solemnly charge you!

This Greek term is used only twice in all of scripture.

*Both times by the Apostle Paul.

*Both times in writing to Timothy

*Both times “in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus.”

Go read 1 Timothy 5:21 and 2 Timothy 4:1.

Pastor’s Point of View

The big question: **What is the charge?**

Day 1 - READ 2 Timothy 4:1-5

1. List out the details of the charge. What is Paul charging Timothy to do?
2. Go back and look at the charge in 1 Timothy 5:21, see any similarities?
3. Do you think the time has come that the world wants to “have their ears tickled”?
4. What does this phrase “have their ears tickled” mean? Have you seen instances of this?
5. What do you need to do to endure hardship and do the work of an evangelist?

Day 2 - READ 2 Timothy 4:6-8

1. Read through these verses carefully.
2. Don’t compare yourself to Paul or what you think Paul may have been like. Put yourself in Timothy’s shoes. What is Paul saying to you in these verses?
3. In what ways do you need to maintain righteousness and love His appearing?
4. What does it mean to be righteous?

Day 3 - READ 2 Timothy 4:9-15

1. Reading this passage of scripture can you see how important, for ministry, Paul viewed the people around him and the tools he used?
2. Who are some of your confidants? Why? Who do you need to have around you because they are “useful for service”?
3. Think about the tools you use for ministry- books, study guides, your bible, etc. Why do you think Paul wanted this cloak? Did he just leave his jacket behind? Or did it hold some significance, for him to ask for it, on the level with his books and papers? Was this just a laundry list of things to retrieve? Why then, was it included in the Bible?

4. What do you do about those who *stand against you*? Who do you need to avoid and why? Who is God removing (or has he already removed) from your presence, because of their negative influence?

Day 4 - READ 2 Timothy 4:16-21

1. Have you ever felt like everyone deserted you? Have you been lonely in your ministry? Have you been lonely as a believer? Scripturally, who was alone? Anyone come to mind? How did these men and women persist? (Esther 4:14, 1 Samuel 17:29, 33, 42, Isaiah 53:3)
2. Pray today that the Lord will continue to strengthen you and give you opportunities to minister and evangelize.
3. Focus on verse 18. Do you have the same confidence Paul had? How easy is it to become overrun with the evil of this world? (Ephesians 4:27)
4. How can you do everything to the glory of God this week?

Remember the prayer Jesus offered for believers? Take a moment and read it, understanding the words that the almighty Christ has prayed over you.

John 17:13-22

But now I come to You;

and these things I speak in the world so that they may have My joy made full in themselves.

I have given them Your word;

and the world has hated them,

because they are not of the world,

even as I am not of the world.

I do not ask You to take them out of the world,

but to keep them from the evil one.

They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.

“I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;

that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You,

that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

The glory which You have given Me I have given to them,

that they may be one, just as We are one.

Christ issued a charge of truth, unity, sanctification, glory and purpose to believers.

So what is your charge?

What are you waiting for?
Christ said it, issued it, blessed it and prayed it.
Now go!

The Lord be with your spirit, Grace be with you. - 2 Timothy 4:22

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*Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us **RUN** with endurance the race that is set before us -- Hebrews 12:1*