

## **What's Your Responsibility to the Gospel?**

It all starts with a sincere faith! (II Timothy 1:5)

- I. Know the Gospel
  - A. Responsibility To Know It
    1. diligent to accurately handle the Word (II Tim 2:15)
    2. good stewards of the mysteries of God (II Cor 4:1-2)
  - B. Need To Know It
    1. Scripture makes us wise unto salvation (II Tim 3:15)
    2. so that we may be equipped for every good work (II Tim 3:16-17)
  - C. What We Need To Know
    1. About God
      - a) saved us according to His purpose (II Tim 1:8-10)
      - b) he called us with a holy calling (II Tim 1:8-10)
      - c) He will give us understanding (II Tim 2:7)
    2. About Jesus
      - a) died for us according to the Scriptures (I Cor 15:1-11)
      - b) buried
      - c) raised again according to the Scriptures
      - d) appeared to over 500
      - e) He abolished death (II Tim 1:8-10)
      - f) brought life and immortality to light
      - g) brought us salvation which was granted from all eternity
      - h) risen from the dead (II Tim 2:8)
      - i) descendant of David
  - D. What Is the Knowledge of the Truth?
    1. wisdom of God (I Cor 1:17-25)
    2. foolishness to those who don't believe
- II. Guard the Gospel
  - A. How to Guard
    1. don't be ashamed (II Tim 1:8)
    2. Retain the standard of sound words (II Tim 1:3)
      - a) don't wrangle about words (II Tim 2:14)
      - b) avoid worldly and empty chatter (II Tim 2:16)
      - c) refuse foolish speculations (II Tim 2:23)
    3. Avoid those who oppose truth (II Tim 3:5)
    4. Continue in the Word (II Tim 3:14)
  - B. Why to Guard
    1. there is no other Gospel (Gal 1:6-9)
    2. savage wolves will come among the sheep (Acts 20:28-30)

Those wolves come in sheep's clothing - they are disguised  
**liberal teaching** - take away from the gospel

refer back to what we are to know about the Gospel so we can be aware of what they  
are taking away

**Psychology** - they add to the gospel (self-image, etc)

How have these teachings crept into our churches?

The church (us) were not fulfilling the first of our responsibilities - to know the Word!

- III. Suffer for the Gospel
  - A. Who will suffer?
    - 1. all who desire to live godly (II Tim 3:12)
  - B. How are we to suffer?
    - 1. for the Gospel (II Time 1:12)
    - 2. As a good soldier (II Tim 2:3-4)
      - a) not entangled in everyday life
    - 3. suffer for the elect (II Tim 2:10)
  - C. Paul's Example
    - 1. join with me in suffering according to the power of God (II Tim 1:8)
    - 2. didn't count his life dear (Acts 20:24)
    - 3. wanted all he did to testify to the grace of God
- IV. Preach the Gospel
  - A. What to Preach
    - 1. Christ crucified (I Cor 1:3-24)
    - 2. the whole counsel of the Word of God (Acts 20:27)
    - 3. God's wisdom (I Cor 1:21)
  - B. How to Preach
    - 1. under obligation (Ro 1:14)
    - 2. in eagerness (Rom 1:15)
    - 3. not in cleverness (I Cor 1:17)
    - 4. in weakness (I Cor 2:3)
    - 5. in demonstration of the Spirit and of power (I Cor 2:4)
    - 6. in fear and trembling
    - 7. under compulsion (I Cor 9:16)
    - 8. without charge (I Cor 9:18)
    - 9. entrusting the Word to faithful men (II Tim 2:2)
    - 10. reproving, rebuking, and exhorting (II Tim 4:2)
    - 11. doing the work of an evangelist (II Tim 4:5)
    - 12. fulfilling your ministry (II Tim 4:5)
  - C. When to Preach
    - 1. be ready in season and out of season (II Tim 4:2)
  - D. Manner of Preaching
    - 1. as a bond-servant of the Lord (Gal 1:10)
    - 2. not in a quarrelsome way (II Tim 2:24)
    - 3. in gentleness (II Tim 2:25)
  - E. What Equips on to Preach
    - 1. the gift of God (II Tim 1:6)
    - 2. God gives us the power and the love and the discipline (II Tim 1:7)
    - 3. being strong in the grace of God (II Tim 2:1)
  - F. People's Response
    - 1. some will think it foolishness (I Cor 1:21)
    - 2. persecution (II Tim 2:9)
    - 3. opposition (II Tim 4:15)

**We have the responsibility to know, guard, suffer, and preach?  
Why?**

**There is coming a time that men won't endure sound doctrine, but  
will want to have their ears tickled - finding teachers who will tickle**

V. Live for the Gospel

A. How to Live

1. standing firm (Phil 1:14)
2. walking in a manner worthy (Phil 1:27)
3. be of one mind/spirit striving together (Phil 1:27)

**We need to fulfill the first four responsibilities in order to live for the Gospel!**

B. Paul's Example - Remember he was in prison when writing Philippians

1. in all things he wanted Christ to be exalted (Phil 1:20)
2. for me to live is Christ (Phil 1:21)
3. he has suffered (II Tim 1:12)
4. he endured all for the sake of the elect (II Tim 2:10)
5. allows himself to be poured out as a drink offering (II Tim 4:6)
6. fought the good fight (II Tim 4:7)
7. finished the course
8. kept the faith

**Paul's impact is made because he lived the word!  
He practice what he preached!  
His goal - He wanted to please God in all things (Gal 1:10)**