

## **A Foundation To Serve** **2Timothy 4:1-5**

### **Eight Foundation Pillars**

Solid foundation is essential for our service

We are called to serve not be served

Many responsibilities – teacher, parent, elder, deacon, comforter, etc

Have I built a proper foundation?

### **Remember Your Calling**

Urged to remember previous teaching - **2Timothy 3:14-17**

Live and work in light of the impending judgment. - **Romans 14:10-12**

Serve in God's presence, to God's glory, compliance with God's will.

Key to excellent service is to keep judgment clearly in view

Help keep us focused on the right message and the right mission.

### **Preach The Word**

Must embrace God's Word without shame - **Romans 1:16; 2Timothy 1:7-8**

Preach the Word - not philosophy, soothing-talk

Study to know it all - **2Timothy 1:13-14; 2:15**

God sets the content of our message, sometimes unpopular, a stumbling block, perceived as foolishness - **1Corinthians 1:23; Romans 9:33; 1Peter 2:8; 1Corinthians 2:14**

Preach it all - **Acts 20:27; 1Corinthians 2:1-2**

### **Be Faithful In And Out Of Season**

Preach whole counsel faithfully regardless of popularity or reception.

No reluctance, unreadiness or hesitation; but fearlessly

Prepared & eager to serve faithfully w/out regard to reception - **Ezekiel 3:7-9; Jeremiah 5:20-21**

Responsible to sow the seed not for how people respond

Response of people should not affect eagerness in preaching Word

Times of opposition sure to come - **2Timothy 3:1; 4:1**

### **Reprove, Rebuke, Exhort**

Sound doctrine - reproveth, rebukes, and exhorts.

Faithful called upon to expose doctrinal error, confront sin, convict hearts, call to repentance.

Many will love sin, don't want to be confronted

Want teachers who make them feel good - build "self-esteem."

No stomach for teachers who offend sensibilities; make them face own guilt, step on toes. Want to be made comfortable in their sin

Rejecting truth (sound doctrine) turn to only alternative - myths.

Not deceived by some master of deception - they have turned aside - **John 6:66-69**

Must confront sin, urge change, demand correction

Preaching that ignores or soft-soaps sin is dangerously diluted

Must be willing to make people uncomfortable in sin - **2Timothy 3:16-17**

Exhort - encourage

With patience we are to instruct others in the Word of God.

Confront sin to encourage change, help people want to live better - **John 8:31-32**

### **Be Sober-Minded Watchful**

**1Peter 1:13**

Self-controlled, steady, attentive

Describes a state of mental alertness and control of one's faculties.

Solid, stable person, passions, appetites under complete control

Rooted, stable, steadfast, rock-solid.

To be effective servants, we must watch selves - **1Peter 5:8; Acts 20:31**  
Will stick to sound doctrine - not easily swayed by trends or whims.  
Need to be a stable force in an unstable world.

### **Endure Hardships**

Not called to a life of ease, but sacrificial service. - **2Timothy 2:1-3; 3:12; Hebrews 13:23**  
All will face tests of faith. Hardships come in various packages.  
No compromise or look for easy out; endure, stay faithful, overcome  
Take it to the end. Endure to end = saved - **Matthew 10:22; 24:13**

### **Do The Work!**

Walk the talk! Be a doer of word - **James 1:22-24; 2:14-17; Matthew 7:21-23**  
Declare the truths of God boldly.  
Whether serving on front line or supportive position - do the work  
Discover your talents and put them to work.  
Whatever your role do it with all your might - **1Corinthians 12:12**

### **Fulfill ministry**

All Christians Are Ministers - Servants.  
Accomplish, fill up, do it all. God not pleased with half-hearted service - do with all your might  
Whether a mother teaching your children at home, a saint letting your light shine on your job, a  
Bible class teacher, deacon, elder or preacher, these principles apply.  
No room for compromise, timidity, no time for delay, no need for fear  
Fill up your service - accomplish it all.

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