

Taking the Risk
II Timothy 4:1-22
11/15/11

- I. A Final Charge – Vv. 1-5
 - A. Not Long to Live
 - 1. Last words
 - B. Solemn Charge – Vs. 1
 - 1. Somber tone
 - a. In the presence of both God and Jesus
 - b. Will judge the living and the dead
 - c. In view of his appearing
 - 2. Eye to the Future
 - C. Content – Vs. 2
 - 1. Five commands
 - a. Preach the Word
 - b. In season and out of season = *ephistemi*
 - c. Be prepared
 - d. Correct, rebuke, encourage
 - 2. Modifying phrase
 - a. With great _____ and careful _____
 - D. Reason – Vv. 3-4
 - 1. The Word must be preached because
 - 2. Future tense
 - 3. Very contemporary picture

a. Gather around them

b. Itching ears

c. Why?

E. Contrast – Vs. 5

1. But you...

a. Keep your _____

b. Endure _____

c. Do the work of an _____

d. Fulfill your _____

F. Timothy's Charge...and Ours

1. We are not all called to preach

a. However...

II. Paul Reflects – Vv. 6-8

A. Drink Offering

1. "For I..."

B. Three Statements

1. *I have fought the good fight*

2. *I have finished the race*

3. *I have kept the faith*

a. Personal faith?

b. Body of doctrine?

- C. "Now" (That which is left...)
 - 1. Crown of Righteousness
 - a. What it can't be
 - b. What it could be

- D. Looking to the Future Again
 - 1. Judgment
 - 2. All those who have longed for His appearing
 - 3. Perfect tense again
 - 4. Paul's point

III. Personal Remarks – Vv. 9-22

A. Poignant Picture – Vv. 9-11a

- 1. Do your best
- 2. Left alone

B. Instructions to Timothy – Vv. 11b-13

- 1. Get Mark
- 2. Tychicus
- 3. Scrolls (and) Parchments
 - a. Could be one thing or two
 - b. Bigger point

- C. Alexander – Vv. 14-15
 - 1. Caused Paul harm

- D. First Defense
 - 1. Earlier trial?

 - 2. First phase of current trial?

 - 3. Either way...

- E. Final Greetings – Vv. 19-22
 - 1. Priscilla and Aquila

 - 2. Urgency again

 - 3. Ends with grace

- IV. Ready to Die
 - A. Picturing Paul
 - 1. Death row

 - B. When the Time Comes
 - 1. How to be ready