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**Scripture**:1 Thessalonians 4:9-12 13:1-7

**Preach the Word**

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

1 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. 5 As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

**English Standard Version**

*The Responsibility of Every Believer is to*

**Point #1:*****Proclaim God’s Word* !** (vs 1-2a)

**a) God’s Word is: !**(v 2b)

**b) When using God’s Word: !** (v 2c)

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***Point #2: Proclaim God’s Word:***  **!**  (vs. 3-4)

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***Point #3: Proclaim God’s Word:***  **!** (v. 5)

**Application Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1.) Read **2 Timothy 3:1-8** and **2 Timothy 4:3-4,** then answer the following questions. Knowing how the last days look, how important is it for believers to ‘hold the line’ of God’s Truth? How well have you participated in this activity? What are you going to do to increase your participation in actively proclaiming God’s truth even if it is in a support position?

2.) Read **Psalm 19:7-11, 2 Timothy 3:16** and **2 Timothy 4:2,** then answer the following questions. Reading that the Bible is declared to be perfect, useful for all things and is to be used in defending the Truth and reproving/rebuking others, how can this perspective change one’s understanding of dealing with problems which will occur in life? How much more must we rely on His Word?

3.) Read **2 Timothy 4:5,** and **2 Timothy 2:3-4** then answer the following questions.How prepared are you to endure persecution? By changing our perspective to being a soldier of Christ Jesus, how does that better prepare us for persecution? Does this perspective differ from “seeker sensitive” churches? How so?

4.) Are the requirements for a pastor different than those not holding the office? Are all Christians called to live a righteous life? Should we be reading the requirements from the pastoral epistles as though these are the expectations Christ has for each of His followers?