

# **Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.**

## **1 Timothy 4:12-16**

**Reading** – Public / Private – Studying

**Exhortation** – Encouragement

**Doctrine** – Preaching Publicly – Teaching Individually

## **Reading - Studying the Bible**

We will never live better than we know!

## **Hosea 4:6**

Psalms describes the word of God:

**Psalms 119:103-105**

God's word gives us: Direction & Guidance in our lives

Proverbs describes the word of God like this:

**Proverbs 2:4-5**

How powerful is the word of God?

**James 1:21**

What is the benefit of studying God's word?

**2 Timothy 2:15**

How often did the 1<sup>st</sup> century church search the scriptures?

**Acts 17:10-11**

How significant is the complete word of God?

**1 Corinthians 13:8-10**

Apostles only could pass the gift of healing

The word of God will be our standard of judgment!

**John 12:48**

Open book test!

### **Exhortation – Encouragement – Support**

How often should Christians encourage each other?

**Hebrews 3:12-14**

Positive peer pressure – 9-70 yrs old all taught – 28 for me

Encouragement is a very important part of assembling together

**Hebrews 10:24-25**

Good lesson – why@ back – good lesson/no lesson

Commend – song leaders – leader of prayer

As parents we have a responsibility to encourage our children!

**Ephesians 6:4**

Why?

**Proverbs 22:6**

Know those raised in the church – left – came back later in life

Know those never went to church – I thought never would - went & obeyed

Know those I thought would never depart from the truth – departed

### **Doctrine: Publicly Preaching & Privately Teaching the Gospel**

Jesus gives a command to His disciples and to us as well

**Matthew 28:18-20**

**Mark 16:15-16**

We must always be ready to answer questions about our faith!

**1 Peter 3:15**

I am so proud of our young Christians for sharing their faith with friends

- Friend – Sunday school – lesson outline to f's dad c of c preacher

- Doctrine: baptism & once saved always saved

Seed for thought for others – be patient – don't drive away – doctrine 3mos.

What about women teachers?

Not publicly!

**1 Timothy 2:12**

Privately? Certainly!

**Titus 2:3-4**

**Acts 18:24-26**

- most conversions are the result of private teaching
- one came forward after hearing me 8 years
- two other came forward after hearing me first time

Remember the parable about the sower – it all about the heart that receives the word – all we control is sowing the seed

**Preach the Gospel at all times – Use words if necessary!**

True Christians are the best asset for the spread of the Gospel

Those that claim to be Christians, & are not are the worst enemy of the Church

**1 Thessalonians 5:22**

Christians teach much more by example than will ever be taught from the pulpit

**Study – Encouragement – Teaching**

**2 Timothy 3:15-17**

**2 Timothy 4:1-8**