

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT 2 TIMOTHY 4:1-8

The Apostle Paul was nearing the end of his life. He knew it and was prepared for it. He wanted to ensure that he prepared pastors to continue the ministry after he was gone. He wrote 1 Timothy, Titus and finally 2 Timothy for these reasons. In 2 Timothy, Paul warns Timothy of perilous times, where people will fall away and chase after philosophies and viewpoints that allow them to follow their own way instead of God's. He instructs Timothy to keep his head and stay focused on his ministry. Paul then lays out his life as an example that can be followed by all believers. How is a follower of Christ to live in perilous times that try our faith?

1. Followers of Christ are to endure sound teaching and stay grounded in God's Word.

2. Followers of Christ are to stay aware, prepared for suffering, and faithful to their God-given ministries.

3. Followers of Christ are to evaluate their past, present, and future according to God's instructions and godly examples.