

## **MY GENERATION (Part-one of a six-part study)**

In November of 1980, at the age of 28, I became a follower of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. During those early years as a Christian, the World War 2 generation was in charge of Evangelical Christianity in America, thoroughly committed to the teaching of sound doctrine, much to my spiritual benefit. I cannot pinpoint precisely when that ceased to be the case. But a transition occurred from that generation to my own. I am writing this series of articles to let all of you know what a disastrous change for the worse it has become.

On the other hand, this is not going to be an opinionated editorial, but a serious exposition of the Word of God, specifically focused upon 2 Timothy 4:1-5. In that passage, the apostle Paul warns his disciple Timothy of a negative scenario which would emerge from within the Christian faith. He describes it in v3 as a “time” which would come. That time is here, that time is now! It saddens me to admit that it has been ushered in by my generation. How? By blaming-shifting their guilt onto the behavior of unbelievers, while refusing to acknowledge and repent of the spiritually downward spiral which American Evangelicals have been on for the last thirty years. Paul’s admonition to the church located in that sinful and ungodly city of Corinth, in 1 Corinthians 5:12, has never been more applicable than right now –

**For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within the church?**

In order to encourage pastors and Bible teachers everywhere to join me in issuing this warning to as many people as possible, I am providing an outline of 2 Timothy 4:1-5, which will serve as the structure for this study. It will be the basis for my exposition and application in the weeks ahead. Please feel free to make it your own and to use it in whatever manner you wish. The passage contains three distinct sections:

**(1) The Charge – 2 Timothy 4:1-2**

**(2) The Change – 2 Timothy 4:3-4**

**(3) The Challenge – 2 Timothy 4:5**

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