

Notes for: Contemporary Christian Mythology

A Study of 2 Timothy 4:1-5

Introduction

Paul's dire warning to Timothy about a time where the spiritual condition of the church will be so negative that it will not only affect the congregation but the pastors who lead them.

(1) The Cause and Effect of the Spiritual Problem (2 Timothy 4:3-4)

■ The Underlying Cause

>> "endure" (anecho): individual's ability to face difficulty (1 Corinthians 4:12)

>> unwillingness to "endure" sound doctrine (Hebrews 5:11-14)

■ The Undermining Effect

>> the truth of sound doctrine is shunned in favor of the falsehood of myths

>> the multitude/the messenger/the message = the myths

(2) The Cause and Effect of the Spiritual Solution (2 Timothy 4:1-2, 4:5)

■ The Overwhelming Cause

>> a sense of ultimate accountability (1 Corinthians 3:11-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10)

>> a sense of imminent expectancy (1 Timothy 6:12-16; 2 Timothy 4:6-8)

■ The Overriding Effect

>> the preeminence of sound doctrine (1 Timothy 4:6; Titus 2:1)

>> the priority of evangelism (2 Corinthians 5:11-20)