

Holding Steady in Uncertain Times: Heeding Sound Counsel

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2 Timothy 4:1-5

1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: 2 Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage — with great patience and careful instruction. 3 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. 5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

During uncertain times...

1. REMEMBER WHO (AND WHOSE) YOU ARE

2 Tim 4:5

But you...

John 1:12

... to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

During uncertain times...

2. STAY GROUNDED

2 Tim 4:5

...keep your head in all situations...

1 Thes 4:13

... we do not want you to ... grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.

During uncertain times...

3. PREPARE FOR A BUMPY RIDE

2 Tim 4:5

... endure hardship...

During uncertain times...

4. FOCUS ON YOUR MISSION

2 Tim 4:5

... do the work of an evangelist...

Mark 16:15

[Jesus] said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."

During uncertain times...

5. DO YOUR JOB

2 Tim 4:5

... discharge all the duties of your ministry...

Prov 3:5-6

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.