

**The Gospel Minister is Accountable to God**  
**2 Timothy 4:1-2**

Gospel ministry is a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ calling.

God is always present as \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.  
2 Timothy 4:1; 1 Timothy 5:21; 6:13  
Luke 16:27-28

God is the awesome Judge who \_\_\_\_\_ or  
\_\_\_\_\_ those who claim to serve Him.  
2 Timothy 4:1; Acts 10:42; 1 Peter 4:5

God's kingdom, now \_\_\_\_\_, will be \_\_\_\_\_  
to all at Christ's return.  
2 Timothy 4:1, 8; Titus 2:13

The gospel minister must stay \_\_\_\_\_ on His calling to  
\_\_\_\_\_ the Word (Christ).

Paul uses \_\_\_\_\_ imperatives to describe the  
\_\_\_\_\_ imperative.  
2 Timothy 4:2; 1 Corinthians 9:16

Gospel ministers must always be ready to \_\_\_\_\_  
the gospel, regardless of the \_\_\_\_\_ to it.  
2 Timothy 4:2

Gospel ministers who preach the Word must have the  
\_\_\_\_\_ to reprove, rebuke, and exhort those  
they serve.  
2 Timothy 4:2; Titus 2:15; 1 Timothy 5:1

The gospel minister must be \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ realizing that it is the Spirit Who will  
change hearts.  
2 Timothy 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8  
Galatians 4:19

## Quotes

*Paul especially mentions Christ's judgment because he will require from those of us who are his representatives a stricter account of our failures in his ministry.*

Calvin, John. 1998. *1, 2 Timothy and Titus*. Crossway Classic Commentaries. Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books.

*This refutes certain fanatics who arrogantly boast that they have no need of teachers, saying that it is sufficient to read the Scriptures. When Paul talks about the usefulness of Scripture, he concludes not only that everyone should read it, but that teachers should teach it, as this is their duty.*

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*This is ministers' business; a dispensation is committed to them. It is not their own notions and fancies that they are to preach, but the pure plain word of God; and they must not corrupt it, but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God, they speak in Christ.*

Henry, Matthew. 1994. *Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible: Complete and Unabridged in One Volume*. Peabody: Hendrickson.

*The face of death, and nearness of eternity, did much convince me what books to read, what studies to prefer and prosecute, what company and conversation to choose. It drove me early into the vineyard of the Lord, and taught me to preach as a dying man to dying men.*

Richard Baxter and William Orme, *The Practical Works of the Rev. Richard Baxter: Volume XVIII* (London: James Duncan, 1830), 409.

*If we were as teachable as we should be, Christ's ministers could guide us merely by pointing out the right way. But as things are, sane advice and mere moderate exhortations are not enough to shake us out of our lethargy. Thus there is need for stronger reproofs and exhortations.*

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*Severe and harsh people are usually not able to endure the obstinacy of those who oppose them and are unable to take the many indignities that are thrown at them. Thus, severity must be seasoned with gentleness so that it can be seen that it springs from a peaceful heart.*

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