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Scripture Text: 2 Timothy 4:1-8

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Introduction:

2 Timothy 4:1-8 – *“What does God say to me in this passage that is relevant, and is of a practical value, or nature for me today? Tomorrow? Eternity?”*

Do you understand “authority” as a good thing – a blessing of God in your life? *Psalm 11:3*

Define authority:

Some God given/appointed realms of Authority:

Ephesians 6:1-9; Romans 13:1-8

Acts 4:18-20; 1 Timothy 1:18; 5:21; 6:13

What is the crisis of the hour in which we live?

Judges 17:6, 21:25; Proverbs 29:18; Philippians 2:9-13

I. To Live Under Authority we need to K_____ God – K_____ God’s Word – K_____ what God expects from You – K_____ our responsibility.

Do you know Jesus Christ as your Savior and LORD?

John 1:12; 3:16; Matthew 28:18-20

Matthew 7:7-8; Jeremiah 29:11-14

2 Timothy 2:15; 3:12-17; Psalm 1:1-6; 119:89-97, 105

II. To Live Under Authority we need to O_____ God’s Word!

Deuteronomy 4:1-7, 40; 6:1-2; 8:1

Note how Jesus lived under the Authority of His Father:

Luke 22:42; John 4:34; 5:30; 6:38-40; 17:2

1 John 2:3-6; James 1:19-25; Matthew 28:18-20

III. To Live Under Authority we need to P_____ according to God’s Word!

Matthew 6:9-13; John 14:13-15; 1 John 3:22-24; 5:14-15

Joshua 7:10-13

APPLICATION:

Genesis 3:1, 4-5 Satan asks Eve a question – What is it?

Define Grace: God’s d_____ and p_____ to accomplish God’s will!

Ephesians 2:8-10

Are you living for God’s purpose – under His authority in every area of you life? Are you living by Grace?

“The Will of God will never lead You where the Grace of God cannot keep You!”

2 Timothy 3:1-5, 13-17; 4:1-8

1 But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come.
2 **For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,**
3 **unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good,**
4 **treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,**
5 holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.

13 **But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.**

14 You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them,

15 **and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.**

16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

17 **so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.**

1 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:

2 **preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.**

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,

4 **and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.**

5 But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

6 **For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.**

7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith;

8 **in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.**

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