

“I CHARGE YOU!” (I Timothy 6:11-16)

A fourfold charge to a Pastor...A man of God:

- I. Flee from the things that would distract you from your calling.
 - A lack of contentment (vv. 6-8)
 - The love of money (vv. 9-10)
 - The lust of the flesh (II Tim. 2:22)

- II. Follow the things that should describe you in your character.
 - Righteousness (v.11c)
 - Love (v.11f)
 - Godliness (v.11d)
 - Perseverance (v.11g)
 - Faith (v.11e)
 - Gentleness (v.11h)

- III. Fight for the things that will defend you in your conflicts.
 - The salvation of souls. (v.12a) (Evangelist)
 - The solidarity of the saints. (vv.20-21) (Shepherd)
 - The seasoning of the society. (v.12c) (Prophet)

- IV. Be faithful to the things that will develop you in your commitment.
(Primary Pastoral disciplines):
 - Pray Earnestly (James 5:16)
 - Practice Consistently (Phil. 4:9)
 - Prepare Diligently (II Tim. 2:15)
 - Pastor Faithfully (I Pet. 5:2)
 - Preach Dynamically (I Cor. 9:16)

A Fourfold Charge:

- (1) Guard your call (avoid distractions).
- (2) Build your character (build a good reputation).
- (3) Choose your conflicts (pick your battles well).
- (4) Develop your commitment (discipline, discipline, discipline).

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