

Ordination Charge

I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, Who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing, to observe these things that you may be a good minister and know how to conduct yourself in the house of God, the pillar and the ground of truth.

- Give yourself continually to prayer. . .and the ministry of the Word.
- Make the purpose of your teaching love. . .from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from a sincere faith.
- Give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.
- Preach the Word! . . . be ready in season and out of season. . .convince. . .rebuke. . .exhort with all long-suffering and teaching.
- Be gentle to all men, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition.
- Study to show yourself approved unto God, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.
- Renounce the hidden things of dishonesty. . .do not walk in craftiness nor handle the word of God deceitfully.
- Speak the things that become sound doctrine: in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say to you.
- Do all things without preferring one before another, do nothing by partiality.
- Be watchful in all things. . .guard what has been committed to your trust.
- Flee youthful lusts. . .keep yourself pure.
- Do good. . .be rich in good works. . .willing to give. . .willing to share.

- Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus . . . endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
- Be diligent to commit the things that you have been taught to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.
- Endure affliction . . . do the work of a true minister . . . stir up the gift that is within you . . . make full proof of your ministry.
- Do not entangle yourself with the affairs of this life, but strive for the masteries that you may be crowned with the crown of righteousness.
- Be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.
- Fight the good fight of faith . . . lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called.
- Pursue righteousness, godliness, patience and gentleness . . . meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.
- Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight, not by constraint but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; not as a lord over God's heritage, but being an example to the flock; and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive a crown of glory that does not fade away.

Acts 6:4; 2 Cor. 4:2; I Tim. 1:5; 3:15; 4:12-16; 5:1, 2, 21, 22; 6:8, 9, 11, 12, 17, 18; 2 Tim. 2:1-4, 14, 15, 22-25; 4:1, 2, 5; Titus 2:1, 7, 8; I Peter 5:2-4