

¹I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;²Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.³For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;⁴And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.⁵But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.⁶For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.⁷I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.⁹Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me:¹⁰For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.¹¹Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.¹²And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus.¹³The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments.¹⁴Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works:¹⁵Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood

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