

Daily Devotion For November 19, 2022

"I 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: **preach the word**; be ready in season and out of season; **reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching**. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry." 2 Timothy 4:1-5

It was on November 19th, 1989 that my family and friends rejoiced with me as I was installed as the pastor at the Christ Presbyterian Church. Today marks 33 years of ordained pastoral ministry for me. The bible calls the pastoral office a "noble" thing and in this season of Thanksgiving, I do thank God for the privilege of being able to pastor several churches. To study and preach and teach the Word of God has always been a source of joy for me.

In 2 Timothy 4:1-5, the apostle Paul exhorts his young protégé Timothy to "**preach the word**; be ready in season and out of season; **reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching**."

Paul also writes that there will be a time when people will not endure sound teaching but will accumulate for themselves teachers who will suit their own passions.

Thought For Today: I often tell those who attend our bible studies to examine to see if what I preach and teach is in line with the Word of God. How would you evaluate me in this area?

Today's Prayer Focus: I don't often ask for prayers for myself but I would ask that you pray for me and that as Psalm 19:14 says, "May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be pleasing to God." Prayers for Kiku Kuwatani who was not able to have surgery yesterday due to a diagnosis of atrial fibrillation. Deo Volente.