

9. “Your Best Life Now” is appropriately titled because if you believe that message then what is true?
10. We live in a time when people will believe what?
11. We live in a society of people who don’t want to hear sound doctrine but want to hear what?
12. 2 Timothy 4:2 gives the command to what?
13. The pastor is to be ready to do what?
14. The pastor must preach the Word of God “...in season and out of season...” which means he must preach when it is and isn’t what?
15. What can we not let dictate whether or not we preach the Word?
16. The largest churches in our nation and the world are not churches that do what?
17. What is not prized, cherished, or popular?
18. The word, “godliness” in I Timothy 6:3 can also be translated what?
19. People have discovered that you can make a lot of money in what?
20. Paul warned Timothy about those who have discovered that “religion is a means of...” what?
21. What is the Lord’s definition of a good servant/minister?
22. 2nd Timothy 1:13 is especially pertinent today because the pervading atmosphere of Christianity today is to be what?
23. In Titus 2:1 Paul told Titus to speak the things which are proper for what?
24. Where will Timothy be swimming if he stays faithful to the task of preaching sound doctrine?
25. What were the two evils that Israel had done (as seen in Jeremiah 2:13)?
 - a. Abandoned the _____
 - b. Turned to worthless _____
26. Paul is saying that people turn from the truth and they replace it with what?
27. “Myths” refers to common viewpoints, long-held beliefs, folk ideas, and popular philosophies that don’t do what?
28. Paul tells us in 1st Timothy 1:4 that these fables/myths cause what?
29. Paul wanted to make sure that Timothy followed God’s job description, not the what?
30. “Be watchful” or “Be sober” carries the idea of being what?
31. When afflictions, hardship, or suffering hit, what two choices do we have?
32. What is the idea behind Paul’s exhortation to Timothy to do the work of an evangelist?
33. Pastors have been give the serious responsibility of feeding the sheep, so it is easy to be so focused on that and forget to do what?

34. The only way a pastor can really fulfill his ministry is to give people what?

35. Paul taught the elders from the church of Ephesus what?

36. What does God want done with His precious word?

God did not give you His Word to make you a smarter sinner. He gave you His Word to make you more like His Son. Apply what you learn!

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- »»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- »»How can I accomplish this change?
- »»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Time:

- 1) For those in The Grace Challenge, memorize 2-3 verses this week and quote them to a friend.**
- 2) Read 2 Timothy 4:1-8 each day this week.**
- 3) What is a "drink offering"?**
- 4) What three things characterized Paul's life as noted in 2 Timothy 4:1-8?**
- 5) What might be a point of application for you, when you see how Paul finished the race?**

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ITCHING EARS

2 Timothy 4:3-5

(Series #19)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "**Itching Ears**" All of the questions are answered as the sermon is given. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What is notably absent from Joel Osteen's ministry is any emphasis on what things?
2. What is the difference between the false teachers (Kenneth Copeland/Benny Hinn) and the false teacher, Joel Osteen?
3. Joel Osteen feeds the natural tendency we all have to what?
4. As a side note, when Osteen talks about God's word, he is not referring to what?
5. According to Osteen, how do you accomplish the kind of successful life he often speaks of?
 - a. B _____
 - b. V _____
 - c. Speak out _____
6. Osteen says that he knows these principles work because he found what in a mall parking lot?
7. Satan tries to appeal to what to make that the focus of our lives?
8. Joel Osteen's message is so popular because it appeals to what?

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