

The “BE”s of Gospel Calling

2 Timothy 4:1-5

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Ordination for ministry is solemnized by “laying on of hands”. Some of the Scriptural instances of “laying on hands” in various circumstances include: Genesis 48, Numbers 27:22-23, Matthew 19:15, Acts 13:1-2.

In the second letter of the Apostle Paul to Pastor Timothy, Paul charges him to preach and do the work of ministry, with an emphasis on what a Christian leader (or any Christ-follower) is to “be”.

1. **BE a Proponent of the Gospel. (4:1-2)**

- A. Preach the Word.
- B. Be ready for any time or circumstance.
- C. Teach to correct, rebuke, and encourage.

2. **BE Prepared to Experience Neglect and Opposition to the Gospel. (4:3-4)**

- A. Non-receptive listeners
- B. Looking for alternatives
- C. Trading truth for speculation

3. **BE Proactive for the Sake of the Gospel. (4:5)**

- A. Be clear minded.
- B. Be willing to endure suffering.
- C. Be diligent – work to share the Gospel and carry out your ministry.