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BE INSTANT IN SEASON

In the society that we live in, we are accustomed to “instant” food at drive throughs whether it is a hamburger or fries or a taco. We have microwave ovens that heat prepackaged food up quickly, so we do not have to spend hours in the kitchen. We have instant mashed potatoes and instant grits and instant oatmeal. It seems that life has become a “fast on the move” life.

Instant is used biblically in another way. In II Timothy 4:2 the Apostle Paul tells young Timothy, ***“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering.”*** The word instant means to take a stand. We are to be prepared and ready to make a stand every time that it is necessary for Jesus Christ. We are to know the Word of God in such a way that we have an “answer” for all those that have questions.

Most Christians have not been prepared to do this. It will never come through “feel good” sermons that make you leave church feeling “high.” It comes when we are challenged to dig in the word and learn what we need to “make that stand.” This charge to Timothy is not just for him. It is for all of us. We are to always be “instant” in and out of season. Someone may come into the family of God because we have prepared for those times.

Some may say they have no time to study. I would say get up earlier each day and take time! Don't be caught off guard, study, prepare, and make a stand by being instant in and out of season.