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BE INSTANT IN SEASON

Timothy was a disciple of the Apostle Paul. He taught him what he needed to know about ministry, how to raise up leaders in the church and what their job would entail. He taught him about end times and more. He disciplined Timothy so he was ready to be a soldier for God.

In 2 Timothy 4, Paul charges Timothy with instructions. In 4:2-3 Paul said, ***“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For 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.”***

Paul is warning Timothy to always be ready to preach the word. He was to be instantly ready to reprove, rebuke, and exhort those he preached to. He was to always be ready with a message when Holy Spirit said “Now.”

In 2 Timothy 2:3 Paul told Timothy to ***“endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.”*** You see, we are in a war between God and Satan. Satan is looking for those he can lure into his kingdom, but we also must be looking for those that need to come into the kingdom of God.

Any good soldier always has his weapon ready to take out the enemy. He has his rifle loaded and ready. He is on the offensive, not the defense always ready for battle. He is an example of being “instant in season.”

We must be like that soldier. We must always be ready to share the good news of Jesus Christ when Holy Spirit leads us. If not, we will see the enemy take out those that God wanted to bring in. A soldier must be vigilant at all times and not go AWOL when things are hard. He knows the price that one pays to be on the battlefield because as Paul said in 2 Timothy 2:3 there would be ***hardness***. A soldier knows he may get wounded, or even lose his life for the “cause.”

This is our example my friends, to also be soldiers in God’s kingdom, “instant in season.”