

## The Minister's Charge

### Description

2 Timothy 4:1-8.

This passage is often read when the church ordains a minister as an elder. Being an elder carries grave responsibility. Those who are ordained carry double responsibility and are worthy of double reward (1 Timothy 5:17).

We all must live faithful lives. However, ministers are responsible for themselves and will be held accountable for what they preached, taught, and counseled to others. It is a sacred duty to be an elder in the church of God. The whole church should hold ministers in high regard and honor them.

The prophet Ezekiel said about the watchman who did not warn a sinful person of their fate—the sinner would die for their sin—but I will hold the watchman accountable for their blood (33:6). If the preacher does a good job preaching the Word, always thank them, even if the message stepped on your toes.

If you are the preacher, preach the Word and nothing else; preach the whole Word and nothing contrary. Likewise, in your counseling, correct, rebuke, and encourage with great patience and careful instruction.

In addition, have a “Put me in, coach!” attitude at all times. Be ready whenever you may be needed. Not bad advice for laypersons as well.

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