

**The Department of Church Growth and Development**  
**Bible Study Outline**  
**Scripture Text: 2 Timothy 3:1-17; 4:1-5**

**Lesson One: Providing Spiritual Directions for a New Generation of Believers in Perilous Times**

**Proposition:** Our purpose as born-again believers is to do the work of an evangelist, faithfully sharing the word of Faith that brings salvation to all who believe in their hearts and confess with their mouth the Lord Jesus Christ.

**1. Doing the work of an evangelist includes warning believers about the challenges they will face in perilous times due to an increase in moral decay. [People will go from bad to worse] (1-4)**

- A. They will become self-centered and egotistical.
- B. They will become disrespectful and rebellious.
- C. They will become cruel and abusive.
- D. They will become stubborn and arrogant.
- E. They will become disloyal and immoral.

**2. Doing the work of an evangelist includes warning believers about the challenges they will face in perilous times due to an increase in godless formalism. [People will have a form of godliness but deny its power] (5-9)**

- A. They will take advantage of weak people.
- B. They will reject the truth.
- C. They will rebel against God's leaders.
- D. They will have corrupt minds.
- E. They will not go very far.
- F. They will be exposed.

**3. Doing the work of an evangelist includes warning believers about the challenges they will face in perilous times due to an increase in religious persecution. (10-12)**

- A. Persecution comes to those who live godly in Christ Jesus.
- B. Persecution comes, but it must be endured, not escaped.
- C. Persecution comes, but God will deliver us out of them all.

**4. Doing the work of an evangelist includes warning believers about the challenges they will face in perilous times due to an increase in religious imposters. (13)**

- A. These imposters are evil.
- B. These imposters are deceiving many.
- C. These imposters are being deceived.

**5. Doing the work of an evangelist includes clearly teaching believers the word of God as a firm foundation for building lasting faith and living productive lives. (2 Tim. 3:14, 15)**

- A. We should be our children's first Christian Educators, teaching them God's word. (2 Tim. 1:5)
- B. We should bring them to the church, where they can attend all facets of its teaching ministry.
- C. We should model the life-long study of God's word for our family members.

**6. Doing the work of an evangelist includes helping believers discover the benefits of God's word to make us wise unto salvation. (2 Tim. 3:14, 15)**

- A. By studying the Holy Scriptures we can learn God's plan of salvation.
- B. By studying the Holy Scriptures we can learn how salvation comes through faith in Christ.

"The whole of the Bible is inspired, and is to be devoutly received as the infallible truth of God. Get away from this, and we have nothing left to hold on to. Whatever we do, let us never give up the Bible. Those who would weaken our reverence for it are our worst enemies." Spurgeon

**7. Doing the work of an evangelist includes helping believers discover the power of God's Word to transform every area of our lives. (2 Tim. 3:16, 17)**

- A. God's Word is inspired and is useful for doctrine: teaching the truth.
- B. God's Word is inspired and is useful for reproof: reproofing false doctrine/wrong thinking,
- C. God's Word is inspired and is useful for correction: correcting immorality/bad behavior.
- D. God's Word is inspired and is useful for instruction in righteousness: training in right living.
- E. God's word helps us grow to maturity in Christ.
- F. God's word helps to equip us for the good works that God calls us to do.

**8. Doing the work of an evangelist means to diligently and conscientiously discharge our duties and office as mission evangelists; and encourage others to do the same. 2 Tim 4:1, 2**

- A. Evangelist must be diligent because the eye of God and Jesus Christ are upon us.
- B. Evangelist must be diligent because we must answer to God at that great day.

**9. Doing the work of an evangelist means clearly understand the ministry assignment. 2 Tim 4:2-3**

- A. Evangelist are charged to preach the word, not their own notions and fancies that they are to preach the pure plain word of God.
- B. Evangelist are charged to preach the word with all fervency of spirit.
- C. Evangelist are charged to live what they preach; to take heed of sin, to do their duty: call upon men to repent, and believe, and live godly.
- D. Evangelist are charged to preach the word that will sometimes "Reprove them, rebuke them and encourage believers to live a holy lives.

E. Evangelist are charged to preach the word that will direct, encourage, and quicken those who began well, persuading them to hold on, and endure to the end.

**10. Doing the work of an evangelist means to keep watch in all things. (2 Tim. 4:3-5)**

A. Evangelist must watch out and protect the church from false doctrine and teachers.

B. Evangelists must expect afflictions in the faithful discharge of his duty.

C. Evangelist must endure suffering patiently, like a Christian hero.

D. Evangelist must not allow difficulties to discourage him in his work, for he must do his work, and fulfill his ministry.

E. Evangelist should understand that the best way to make full proof of our ministry is to fulfill it, to fill it up in all its parts with proper work.