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2 Timothy 4:1-8

“Hang up the spikes”



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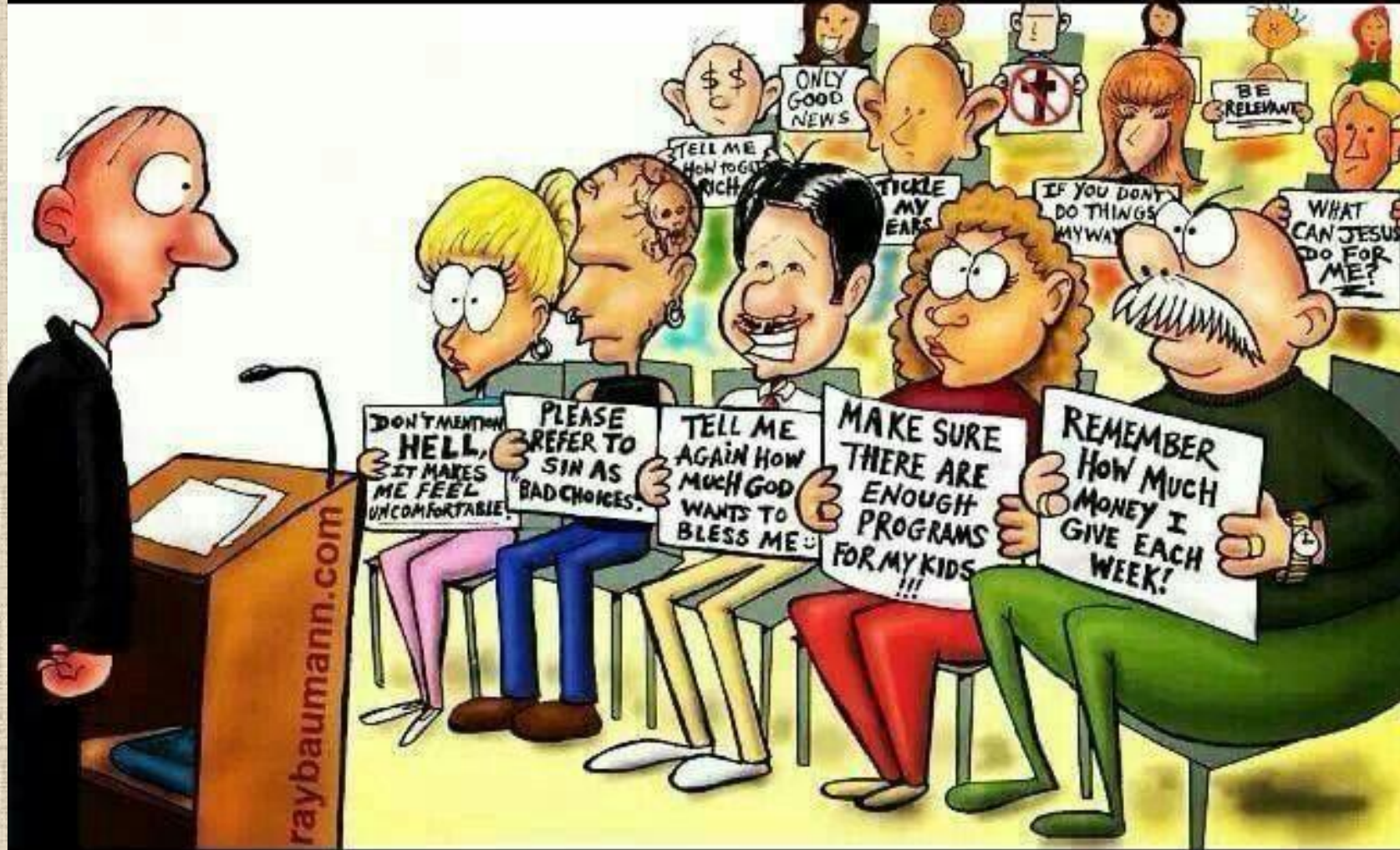
2 Timothy 4:1 I solemnly urge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will someday judge the living and the dead when he comes to set up his Kingdom: ² Preach the word of God.

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Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. ³ For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will reject the truth and chase after myths.

**DON'T LISTEN TO PEOPLE,
LISTEN TO GOD.**



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Isaiah 30:9 these people are stubborn rebels
who refuse to pay attention to the Lord's instructions.

¹⁰ They tell the seers, "Stop seeing visions!"

They tell the prophets, "Don't tell us what is right. Tell us nice things. Tell us lies.

¹¹ Forget all this gloom. Get off your narrow path. Stop telling us about your 'Holy One of Israel.'" (NLT)

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Jeremiah 5:30 “An appalling and horrible thing
Has happened in the land:

³¹ The prophets prophesy falsely,
And the priests rule on their *own* authority;
And My people love it so!

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^{4:5} But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you.

⁶ As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful.

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⁸ And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.

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The crown of righteousness

(2 Timothy 4:8)

The crown of life

(James 1:12, Revelation
2:10)

The crown of glory

(1 Peter 5:4)



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Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.



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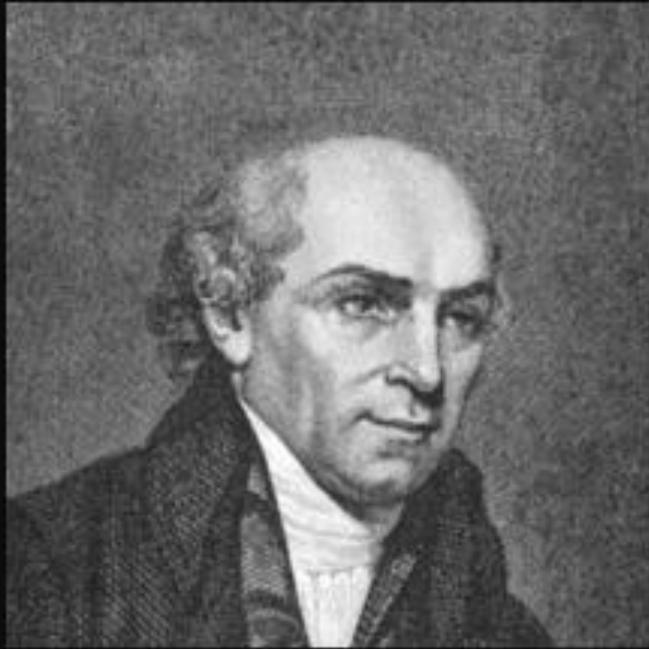
Perspective

Purpose

Acts 20:24 I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.

Perseverance

William Carey



If the biographer gives me credit for being a plodder, he will describe me justly. Anything beyond this will be too much. I can plod. I can persevere in any definite pursuit. To this I owe everything.