

RENEWED FOCUS ON THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

– *Amos 8:11-13; 2 Timothy 4:1-5*



**The Lord is seeking
faithful pastors to satisfy
His famishing sheep!**

KEY THOUGHT

There is spiritual famine in the land!
The pressure on biblical preaching is immense in a world that is morally wrong. To be **fruitful**, ministers in a Bible Church ought to **realise** their main calling as preachers of the Word and **labour** to make this the core of their ministry.

Behold,
the days come...

*I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the **LORD**.*

Amos 8:11

PROFITS OF A RENEWED FOCUS

What are the benefits of renewed focus on the ministry of the Word?

- Divine favour: **2 Chr 17:3-11**
- True conversion: **Jer 23:22**
- Stability and safety: **Isa 54:13**
- Multiplied labourers: **Acts 19:8-10**
- Organic growth: **2 Tim 2:2**
- Holiness in the Church: **Eph 5:26,27**
- Enduring reward: **1 Cor 3:12-15**

Faithfulness to the ministry of the Word is the cornerstone of an enduring ministry.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of GOD,
and is profitable for doctrine,
for reproof, for correction, for instruction
in righteousness:

That the man of GOD may be perfect,
thoroughly furnished unto all good works."



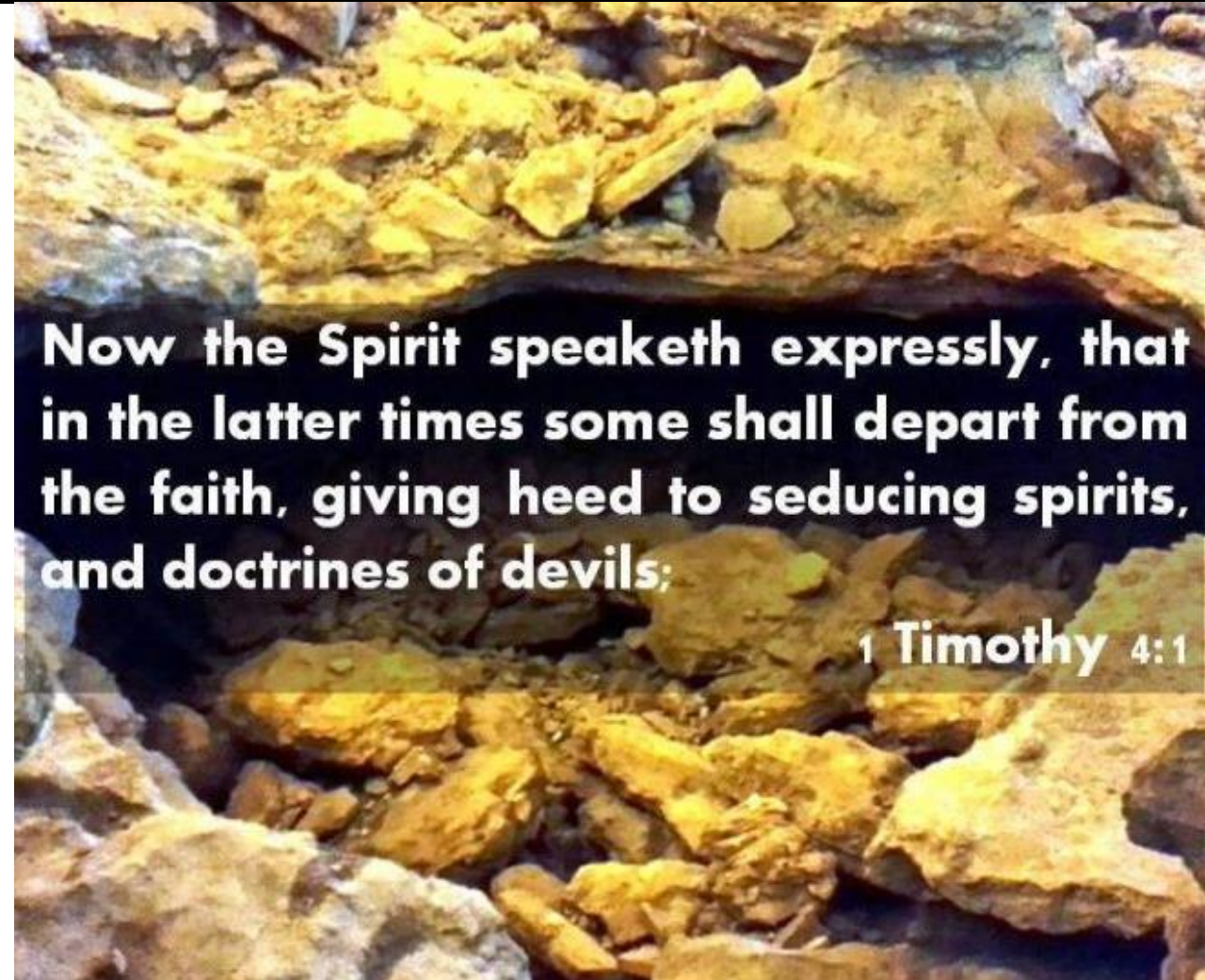
2 Timothy 3:16-17, KJV

PRESSURES IN A RESISTANT FIELD

There are forces here that fight against earnestness in the ministry of the Word:

- The spirit of the age: **1 Tim 4:1-13**
- Pressure from members: **Isa 30:8-11**
- Conflict of perverted gospel: **Gal 1:6,7**
- Fear of persecution: **Gal 5:10,11**
- Financial scarcity: **Neh 13:10**
- Threat from lawmakers: **Acts 5:27-29**

The pressures will not lessen but rather increase because evil men and seducers will only grow worse (**2 Tim 3:13**)!

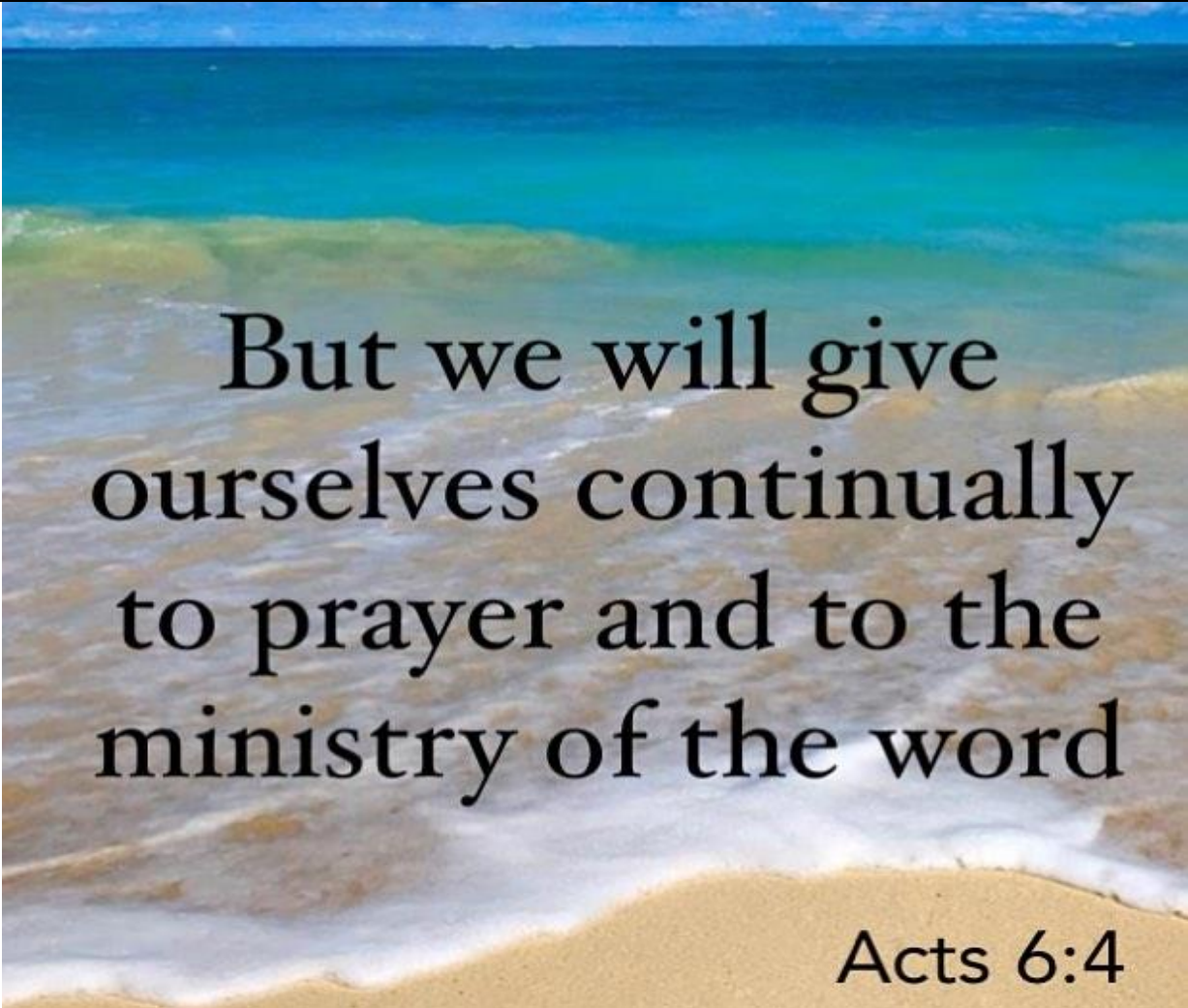


PURSUIT OF REWARDABLE FRUITFULNESS

How can you keep a scriptural focus and ensure your work attracts eternal reward?

- Be persuaded: **Acts 4:18-20; 1 John 1:1-3**
- Be purposeful: **Ezra 7:10; Acts 6:2,4**
- Labour for God's approval: **2 Tim 2:15-19**
- Preach the Word: **2 Tim 4:1,2**
- Enforce the message: **2 Thes 5:14**
- Confront false teachers: **2 John 9-11**
- Pray to transform: **Gal 4:19**

There is no greater ministry in God's sight than that which saves and preserves.



But we will give
ourselves continually
to prayer and to the
ministry of the word

Acts 6:4



TIME TO PRAY!