

2 Timothy 2-4

# *The Cream.... is in the Middle*



Timothy – timid and insecure as chapter 1 opens.

Paul – lonely and cold as chapter 4 ends.

*How will God use this lonely old preacher to encourage Timothy to man-up and lead Christianity to new heights?*

**BLUFF** (bottom line up front): *Savor the cream between these two Christian men. Examine the three commands from God:*

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## **1. Be Strong 2**

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## **2. Don't Cave 3**

Look at this description of...perilous times!

God calls these things "perilous." Do you?

"Go along to get along?" Check out God's counsel.....v. 5b, 14

If we are to have young adults in their teens, 20's and 30's who will not cave in to the compromises and deterioration of Christianity ***we must have dad's and mom's who have taught their children and modeled genuine Christianity before their children.***

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## **3. Proclaim Truth 4**

- 1) Solemnity of this command v. 1
- 2) Substance of this command v. 2
  - ⇒ What to proclaim
  - ⇒ When to proclaim
  - ⇒ How to proclaim
- 3) Reason for this command v. 3-4



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*We need a robust, holy Christianity!*