

## “In Season & Out Of Season”

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*Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching” ~ 2 Timothy 4:2.*

The gospel preacher is commissioned to “*preach the Word*” whether “*in season*” (eukairōs, convenient) or “*out of season*” (akairōs, inconvenient). Facts do not care about feelings, wishes, or preferences. God’s Word is the final say about truth and we are bound to believe it and obey it. The faithful proclaimer will preach it when people like it, and even when they do not like it.

The “ear-tickler” puts his moistened finger in the air to see which way the wind is blowing, and then preaches what is favorable to men. We should learn to appreciate the courage, conviction, and character of the man who preaches what **needs** to be preached, **when** it needs to be preached.

On the Day of Pentecost when three thousand souls obeyed the Gospel, there was a period of time when this message was “*in season*” in Jerusalem. Luke says this new congregation was found to be “*praising God and having favor with all the people...*” (**Acts 2:47**). But soon enough the enemies of God and truth began to fight against the church and “*there arose a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem...*” (**Acts 8:1**).

People can be fickle, indecisive, and contradictory in their beliefs — “*tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine...*” (**Ephesians 4:14**). And it is for this very reason that God’s messenger must be firm, steadfast, immovable with the truth of the Gospel, because **it never changes!** Jesus said “*Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away*” (**Matthew 24:35**). It is the **rock-solid foundation** upon which the wise man builds, **Matthew 7:24-25!**

Dear reader, as you listen to the preaching of God’s Word by a faithful minister of the truth, please do yourself a favor and (1) search the Scriptures to make sure it is the truth (**Acts 17:11**), and (2) make a personal application (**James 1:22**) that which improve your life and make you a better person in the eyes of God. No one ever got better by *changing the message* instead of *themselves*. Be a faithful listener.

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