

# 1 Timothy 4:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

These things command and teach.

## Analysis

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**These things command and teach** (Παράγγελλε ταῦτα καὶ δίδασκε, Parangelle tauta kai didaske)—'command these things and teach them.' Parangellō is a military term meaning to order, charge, instruct authoritatively. Didaskō means to teach, instruct, explain. Timothy must both command with authority and teach with clarity.

Paul's instructions aren't suggestions or personal opinions—they carry apostolic authority. Timothy must not timidly propose but boldly declare these truths about godliness, spiritual training, and the gospel. The church needs both authoritative proclamation (command) and patient explanation (teach)—directive leadership and instructional ministry.

This brief verse reinforces Timothy's apostolic mandate. Despite opposition from false teachers and his own youth (4:12), Timothy must speak with conviction. The message isn't his invention but apostolic tradition to be faithfully transmitted.

## Historical Context

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Timothy faced significant opposition in Ephesus from influential false teachers (1:3-7). His youth and perhaps timid temperament (2 Timothy 1:7-8) made bold proclamation difficult. Paul reinforces Timothy's authority—he speaks not on his own behalf but with apostolic backing. The church must recognize and submit to Timothy's Christ-given authority to teach sound doctrine.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How can pastors balance authoritative proclamation with humble teaching?
2. Why does faithful ministry require both commanding (with authority) and teaching (with patience)?
3. What gives ministers today the authority to 'command' churches in matters of doctrine and practice?

## Interlinear Text

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command      These things      and      teach

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## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Timothy 6:2** (Parallel theme): And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.

**1 Timothy 5:7** (Parallel theme): And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless.

**Titus 2:15** (Parallel theme): These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

**Titus 3:8** (Parallel theme): This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

**2 Timothy 4:2** (Parallel theme): Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

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