

Evening Lesson

COME BEFORE WINTER

2 Tim. 4:21

INTRO:

1. This letter was written at the end of Paul's life.
2. Paul made some requests.
 - a. The cloak
 - b. Books and parchments
3. Why important to "come before winter"?
 - a. Dangerous to cross the Mediterranean in winter.
 - b. Paul needed cloak before cold weather.
4. What do I need to do "before winter?"

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- I. **IN WORKING FOR GOD**
 - A. Saving souls.
 - B. Helping the sick -- a kindness today may open a door tomorrow.
 - C. Comforting the bereaved.
 - D. **Gal. 6:10; John 9:4.**
- II. **IN ENCOURAGING OTHERS**
 - A. Show how much we care. **Eph. 4:32**
 - B. Give "flowers to the living".
- III. **IN PREPARING OUR CHILDREN FOR ETERNITY**
 - A. **Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4.**
 - B. We need to teach in the "spring and summer" of youth.
 - C. **Eccl. 12:1**
- IV. **IN OBEYING THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST**
 - A. **2 Cor. 6:2.**
 - B. Remember Felix and Agrippa. **Acts 24:24, 25; 26:28**
 - C. Why not delay? **2 Thess. 1:7, 8**
- V. **HOW CAN WINTER COME?**
 - A. Conscience can become seared. **1 Tim. 4:2**
 - B. We can get "past feeling". **Eph. 4:17-19**
 - C. In the natural way -- death may come.
 - D. Jesus may return.

CONC:

1. Do what is needed now.