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_____, _____, & _____.

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2. To prepare US for continual _____

2 Timothy 4:2b – Be prepared in season and out of season.

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