The Work of Preaching

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INTRODUCTION

- How do you view the work of preaching and a preacher?
- Throughout the Bible, we learn the same thing. We learn that preaching matters. Preaching is important.

1 Diligently Studying the Word of God

2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Timothy 4:16

- He needs to study the word of God. He needs to study hard. He needs to study long.
- He cannot effectively help other people know the word of God if he himself doesn't first know the word of God.
- Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching. Persevere in these things, for as you do, this will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.
- The preacher is given a commandment to pay close attention to himself and the message he's preaching.

2 A Preacher Must Preach the Word

2 Timothy 4:1–2

- I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus who is to judge the living and the dead and by his appearing in his kingdom.
- A preacher must preach the word. He must preach the truth. He must preach the pure gospel of Jesus Christ.
- The Holy Spirit charges a preacher to preach the word, not make it his responsibility to grow the church.
- It is to be a sower and a planter of the seed, which is the word of God.

3 Ready; Reprove, Rebuke, Exhort With Great Patience

2 Timothy 4:2

- He's got to be willing to preach the truth when it's convenient and when it's not convenient.
- The idea of reproving means to correct. To correct people.
- A preacher has to use the word of God to urge people to stop doing wrong if they're doing wrong.
- What does that word exhort mean? Well, that means to encourage. That means to entreat passionately, to build people up with the word of God.
- A preacher has to be balanced. He's got to give people a well-balanced diet of the word of God.

4 Preaching Involves Focus

2 Timothy 4:5

- Focus first and foremost on God. Focus first on Jesus and how a preacher works first for Jesus, not for a local church.
- The goal of preaching is to help people. It's to help people go to heaven.
- The goal of preaching is not to step on toes, it's to get to hearts.
- He must do the work of an evangelist, not the work of shepherd.

5 Preaching Involves Love

John 3:16; 2 Peter 3:9; Ephesians 4:15

- Preaching involves loving God and loving people. Loving all people.
- A gospel preacher who's trying to serve the Lord, he's got to have a heart like God. He's got to love all people like God.
- A preacher must love everyone, because if he doesn't, he won't fulfill his ministry.

6 The Work of Preaching Involves Living It

2 Timothy 1:5; 1 Timothy 4:12; 1 Timothy 4:16

- The work of preaching also involves living it.
- Trying to apply the message you're preaching into your life before you try to apply it to other people's lives.
- Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity, show yourself an example.
- He must strive to live according to the same standard he's telling other people to live by.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **What do I want to hear? What kind of preaching do I want to hear? And then secondly, what am I going to do?**

MY NOTES