The Dedication Necessary for Preaching part 2

The Command and Dedication Required for Preaching 2 Timothy 4:1 Chris Mueller 1-20-2019

Introduction:

John Piper There is nothing quite like it anywhere else in Scripture...I am not aware of any other biblical command that has such an extended, exalted, intensifying introduction.

1 Timothy 4:16 Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.

James 3:1-2 Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we shall incur a stricter judgment. For WE all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.

1 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 and His kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. 5 But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

1. The SERIOUSNESS of expositional preaching 1

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2. The COMMAND and CONTENT of expositional preaching 2a

2 preach the word

1st The <u>C</u>: preach

2nd The <u>C</u>: the Word

Expository preaching

- Safeguards God's agenda from being hijacked by our agenda
- Makes it harder for preachers to abuse the Bible by reading it out of context
- Hinders the preacher from being selective and not talking about truths difficult for him
- Keeps the content of the sermon fresh and surprising
- Makes for variety in the style of the sermon
- Helps the preaching proclaim the whole Christ from the whole of Scripture
- Makes it clear that God alone works through His Word by His Spirit to change people's lives
- Minimizes the danger of manipulating people because the text drives the meaning, not the preacher
- Demands humility from the preacher as coming under the Word will convict his own heart
- Drives the proclamation of the gospel which is found throughout the Scripture

Acts 20:27 For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God.

3. The DEDICATION necessary for expositional preaching 2b

2b be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST	
4-Preaching calls for salvation and san	ctification
3-Preaching is necessary for the church	
	ned for others to find their sovereign calling
1 Corinthians 12:22 It is much truer the	nmitment, but not the only commitment at the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary
7 th Preaching requires	and instruction
6 th Preaching requires	with great patience
Vance Havner to comfort the afflicted and	afflict the comfortable
5 th Preaching requires	exhort
4 th Preaching requires	rebuke
3 rd Preaching requires	reprove
2 nd Preaching requires	in season and out of season
1 st Preaching requires	be ready

- 1. Why is preaching so important to the church and to the Christian?
- 2. What are some ways preaching is overemphasized and underemphasized? How can you keep a good balance?
- 3. What are some of the biggest misunderstandings and misbeliefs of preaching which untaught Christians embrace?
- 4. How can you identify biblical preaching as compared to unbiblical preaching, even if it is somewhat expositional?
- 5. What part of the exposition of verse 2 convicted you the most and why? Which part encouraged you the most and why?
- 6. What changes must you make in response to 2 Timothy 4:2?