

# Reclaiming Words

(Proverbs 25:11)

- Introduction:
1. There is a tendency in humans to be reactionary...to swing from one extreme to the other.
  2. Such can even be seen in the words that we employ or refuse to employ.
  3. Let's examine a few words that we may have "given up" because of their misuse and reclaim them.

## I. Revival

- A. Some don't like to use this term.
- B. Aversion to that word seems to me to indicate a need for humility.
- C. Every fire needs refueling or it will burn out.
- D. (Psalm 85:6-7).

## II. Holy Spirit Conviction

- A. Some don't like to use this term because of abuse.
- B. But I think we need to reclaim the word.
- C. (John 16:7-8).
- D. Reclaiming this phrase places responsibility where it belongs.
  1. Emphasis is off the messenger and on the message.

## III. Predestination

- A. Some don't like to use of this term because of abuse.
- B. But again, I think we need to reclaim this word.
- C. (Ephesians 1:4-5,11).
- D. Predestination was never intended to be a "doctrinal battleground," or a tenant for debate, but rather an encouragement and comfort to believers.

## IV. Pastor

- A. Some don't like the use of this term because of abuse.
- B. (Ephesians 4:11).
- C. (1 Peter 5:2).
  1. Elders (Gr. presbuteros) are to pastor/shepherd (Gr. poimon) the flock, serving as bishops/overseers (Gr. episkopos).

- Conclusion:
1. One of the best ways to oppose error is to uphold the truth.
  2. By employing these terms in their biblical sense, not only will we be speaking the truth, but we may very likely open doors of communication with others.