

Securing the Future of the Church

“Through Preaching”

- Introduction:
1. I love preaching and I love preachers.
 2. If I had my life to live all over again, would I change anything? Of course! What kind of a nut do you think I am? But one thing I wouldn't change is being a preacher.
 3. (1 Corinthians 1:18).
 4. Let's address how preaching and the proper kind of preaching can help secure the church.

I. Preach the Word

- A. (2 Timothy 4:1-4; 1 Peter 4:11).
- B. (Romans 1:16) the power of conversion is in the word.

II. Preach the Whole Counsel of God

- A. Some don't teach error, they just refuse to speak the whole truth.
- B. (Psalm 119:160; Acts 20:26-27).

III. Preach with a Goal to Communicate

- A. (1 Corinthians 14:9-19).
- B. We need preachers who are more concerned about effectively communicating God's word than they are in developing the perfect sermon form.
- C. We need gospel preachers, not professional sermonizers.

IV. Preach for Nothing

- A. (Job 1:9; 2 Timothy 4:2).
- B. Be willing to stand alone, lose a job, make people angry, and even lose your life.

V. Preach with Urgency

- A. (2 Thessalonians 1:8; James 4:13-14; Hebrew 9:27).

VI. Preach with Humility & without Jealousy

- A. (James 4:10; Philippians 1:15).
- B. The preacher across town and the church across town are not the enemy.

VII. Preach With Balance

- A. (2 Timothy 4:1-4) Reprove, Rebuke, Exhort.
- B. Sweet Psalmist of Israel - (2 Samuel 23:1).

- Conclusion:
1. Great preaching and great preachers can help secure the future of the church.
 2. What's the difference in a good preacher and a great preacher? When a good preacher finishes his sermon, people say, "What a great preacher he is." When a great preacher finishes his sermon, people say, "What a great God we serve."