

## “Preach the Word”

**Intro:** We recall that as the Apostle Paul writes he is approaching the \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_ . ... What is the most important \_\_\_\_\_ he has to share with young pastor Timothy?

**A.** This morning as we open to II Timothy chapter 4 and consider verses 1-2 we read of the \_\_\_\_\_, the Motive, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the Method.

**I.** The \_\_\_\_\_.

**A.** Though Paul has already commissioned Timothy in many ways here he sums up the great mission of Timothy’s life, which is our great mission as the church, and it is this: preach \_\_\_\_\_!

**II.** The \_\_\_\_\_.

**A.** The charge to preach the Word is Spirit-breathed for Timothy and all pastors and all the church. \_\_\_\_\_ for we know that it is in His presence that we fulfill His ordained mission. Our ministry is His ministry!

**B.** That the \_\_\_\_\_ will judge our works properly motivates us to fulfill His mission for His church.

**1.** That \_\_\_\_\_ will appear and establish His kingdom \_\_\_\_\_ us, encouraging and emboldening us to fulfill our divine \_\_\_\_\_!

**III.** The \_\_\_\_\_.

**A.** “ \_\_\_\_\_!”

**1.** “Preach” means to authoritatively herald, to commandingly announce, to convincingly \_\_\_\_\_.

**2.** The *Word* refers to the \_\_\_\_\_!

**B.** As souls are at all times ever-needy the need for the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is always present. The Word is always \_\_\_\_\_ in the church. The Word is always needed in the home! The Word is always needed in the work place. The Word is always needed in the school! The Word is always needed wherever people are! We must be ready to proclaim the Word in \_\_\_\_\_ in every \_\_\_\_\_!

#### IV. The Method.

A. The God-breathed Word is profitable for \_\_\_\_\_. The preached Word reproves by \_\_\_\_\_ the sinner to his sin.

B. The preached Word is profitable for rebuke. \_\_\_\_\_ follows in line with the word *correction* of 3:16. It is to “set aright that which is fallen”. Proper preaching of the Word will bring reproof which exposes and convicts that is then followed by rebuke which serves to \_\_\_\_\_ the soul.

C. We are to preach the Word because it is God’s means of exhortation. To \_\_\_\_\_ is to call alongside for the purpose of appealing, comforting, encouraging and urging one on \_\_\_\_\_. The preached Word is the divine method by which God convicts souls of sin and righteousness, moving them to repentance, teaching them to follow Christ!

D. We are to preach the Word with long-suffering patience and careful and \_\_\_\_\_ instruction. Such patience and instruction are not to accompany our preaching but to be at the very heart and \_\_\_\_\_ of our preaching.

**Closing exhortation:** As we come into this New Year there is no question as to what our God-ordained mission is. The ministry of \_\_\_\_\_ the Word is for us the church a non-negotiable.

As God our Father and \_\_\_\_\_ our Savior is our Spirit-driven motivation let us set our hearts on things above, devoting the entirety of our being to the ministry of the preaching of \_\_\_\_\_.

With great patience and instruction let us give ourselves the preaching of the Word knowing that the preaching is God’s method by which He brings souls to Himself through reproof, rebuke, and exhortation.

God has a mission for us. \_\_\_\_\_ is our motivation. Preaching the Word is our ministry. God’s method is our means by which He \_\_\_\_\_.

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