

First Baptist Church – Odessa

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“Intentional Preaching that Honors God”

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2 Timothy 4:1-5 & Selected

A healthy New Testament church values the intentional preaching of God’s Word as the most important and essential element for honoring God!

Intentional Preaching that Honors God...

I. **Originates with a solemn charge to the preacher!**

“I 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: preach the word.” Vs. 1-2a

Why Such a Solemn Charge?

- **Because God is watching!**
- **Because judgment is coming!**
- **Because liability is enormous!**

“Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we shall incur a stricter judgment.” James 3:1

“Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account.”

Hebrews 13:17

- **Because life is found!**

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.” John 1:1-4

See Romans 10:14-17

“Since God in His wisdom saw to it that the world would never know Him through human wisdom, He has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe.” 1 Corinthians 1:21 NLT

II. Bears a serious command to be obeyed!

“Preach the Word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.” Vs. 2

“I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the Word of God fully known.”

Colossians 1:25

“For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.” 1 Corinthians 1:17

III. Provides a grim warning that preaching will often fall on deaf ears and closed minds!

“For the time will come when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.” Vs. 3-4

“The preacher who brings the message people most **need** to hear will often be the preacher they least **like** to hear.”

John MacArthur

“When a man’s folly brings his way to ruin, his heart rages against the LORD.” Proverbs 19:3

IV. Presents an encouraging plan so the preacher can persevere!

“As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.” Vs. 5