

What's A Preacher To Do?

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Introduction:

1. The work of an evangelist is separate and apart from one's work as a Christian, requiring much of the one who desires its position. (**2 Tim. 4:5**)
2. Many today desire a career in preaching God's word but are unclear as to all of the responsibilities that come along with it.
3. Many congregations today have a good understanding of what is required of their preachers yet may not fully understand what they may require him to do.
4. In this lesson we will examine "what is the work of an evangelist?" from a biblical standpoint

Discussion:

I. A Preacher Must Study God's Word

- a. **1 Timothy 4:13** – "Till I come, give attendance to _____, to _____, to _____." A Preacher Must read the Bible! A preacher is able to study other things but be sure to place nothing above the scriptures.
- b. "_____ to shew thyself approved unto God." (**2 Tim. 2:15**)
 - i. What does it mean to study? _____
 - ii. Why study at all? _____
- c. **James 3:1** – A Preacher better know the Scriptures; Blood is on their hands!

II. A Preacher Must Preach The Word

- a. **2 Tim. 4:2** – "_____ the Word; be instant in _____ and out of _____; _____, _____, _____ with all _____ and doctrine."
- b. It is not meant to be a stand-up comedy show, and no room for show boats.
- c. **Rom. 1:16** – Preachers cannot be ashamed of the Gospel!
- d. **Acts 20:7** – The responsibility to preach must not be shirked but met head on.

III. A Preacher Must Edify The Saints

- a. Read **Ephesians 4:11-16** – Preachers are to be builders, not wreckers.
- b. A good preacher can build up a congregation. However, a bad one can wreck congregations beyond repair.
- c. Paul says of those preaching the Gospel in **2 Cor. 12:19**: "Again, think ye we excuse ourselves unto you? We _____ before God in Christ: but we do all things, dearly beloved, for your _____." A preacher must edify!

IV. A Preacher Must Convert Sinners

- a. "Go ye therefore, and _____ all nations, _____ them in the name of the _____, and of the _____, and of the _____." (**Mt. 28:19**)
- b. Please explain **Romans 10:13-15**: _____.
- c. In **Acts 20:20**, Paul executed four responsibilities of an evangelist, list them:
 - i. _____
 - ii. _____
 - iii. _____
 - iv. _____
- d. It is not to say that if one does not convert sinners, he is a failure. He has only failed if he does not try.

V. A Preacher Must Defend The Truth

- a. A preacher must charge others that they _____ . (1 Tim. 1:3)
 - b. **1 Pet. 3:15** – “But sanctify the _____ in your hearts: and be ready always to give an _____ to every man that asketh you for a _____ of the hope that is in you with _____ and _____.”
 - c. In Jude 3, describe what it means to “contend for the faith.” _____
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VI. A Preacher Must Set An Example

- a. Read **1 Timothy 4:12-14, Timothy 2:7**: Be prepared to discuss.
- b. List some ways a preacher must set an example: _____
- c. Are all examples good examples? **YES NO**
- d. **A Preacher must do his best to keep a good attitude, as it will reflect in his work!** How might this take place? _____

VII. A Preacher Must Be A Christian

- a. Do the work of a Christian as a Christian.
- b. As a Christian, a preacher must do, and take pleasure in doing, those things.
- c. The work of an evangelist is meant for a different purpose, and with separate responsibilities. Encourage them that accept to weight and duty of the work.

Conclusion:

1. It is of the uttermost importance that any who desire the work of an Evangelist understands all things required of them. The work is challenging, and one must be ready to meet those challenges in order to succeed.
2. Likewise, it is important that any congregation with whom the preacher works with understands his role, and does not seek to burden his position beyond what is required of him by God. As a congregation can be edified or destroyed by a preacher, so to can a preacher be edified or destroyed by a congregation.
3. Pray this lesson has been both educational as well as encouraging.