



Advanced Ministry Class

Lesson 4

Practical Studies About the Ministry

2 Timothy 2:2

*And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses,
the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach
others also.*

Preach the Word!

2 Timothy 4:2

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

Preaching has always been emphasized through the Bible.

- During the Old Testament, the preacher was variously noted as a prophet, priest, and in some cases, king.
- *“I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo I have not refrained my lips,”* (Psalm 40:9).
- The prophet Isaiah wrote, *“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek,”* (Isaiah 61:1). Jesus applied this directly to Himself in Luke 4.
- God commissioned the prophet Jonah to *“Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee,”* (Jonah 3:2).

In The New Testament

- In the New Testament, the primary focal point of ongoing preaching has been focused through the pastor in his pulpit. Therefore, Paul wrote to Timothy, “Preach the word.”
- The concept of preaching is noted at least 135 times in the New Testament.
- Paul wrote Titus how God “*hath in due times manifested his word through preaching,*” (Titus 1:3).
- Furthermore, Paul wrote, “*And how shall they hear without a preacher? . . . How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!*” (Romans 10:14-15).
- In writing to the church at Colosse, Paul said, “*Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus,*” (Colossians 1:28).

Teaching Related To Preaching

- Closely related to preaching is the matter of teaching. For example, in the Great Commission, Jesus commanded us to be “teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you,” (Matt. 28:20).
- The early church did exactly that: “daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ,” (Acts 5:42). Paul spent at least 18 months in Corinth “teaching the word of God among them” (Acts 18:11).
- The last verse in the book of Acts notes that Paul spent his time in Rome “preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence,” (Acts 28:31).
- One of the qualities for a pastor is that he be “apt to teach,” (I Tim. 3:2).

Teaching & Preaching Go Together

Matthew 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

Matthew 9:35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Matthew 11:1 And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.

Acts 5:42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

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Acts 15:35 Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

Acts 28:31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

Romans 2:21 Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?

Colossians 1:28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

Teaching & Preaching Go Together

Teaching is fundamentally a ministry to the **mind**.

- It is illuminating and expounding truth so one's mind can gain knowledge and understanding of God's Word.
- The matter of teaching appears slightly more than half as much as the matter of preaching in the New Testament.
- In the pastoral epistles (guidelines for pastoring), there is considerably more emphasis laid upon teaching than preaching.
- Paul said "preach the Word" once to Timothy. However, there are at least six direct references in Timothy and Titus to teaching the Word of God.

***Both Teaching and Preaching
are ministries of the Word.***

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Preaching is primarily a ministry to the **heart**.

- The heart is the seat of the human spirit. It is the control room of our lives. There resides our will. There the basic decisions of life are made.
- **Preaching** will influence our heart to do as we ought to do or be as we ought to be.
- It may be the gospel **preached** along with the Holy Spirit persuading a person to turn to Christ and trust Him as Savior.
- It may be the **preaching** of righteousness which persuades a person to live unto righteousness.

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Paul's Swan Song

2 Timothy 4

First, He Lived A Disciplined Life.

"I fought the good fight."

Second, He Lived A Directional Life.

"I have finished my course."

Third, He Lived A Doctrinal Life.

"I have kept the faith."

The Preacher and His Bible

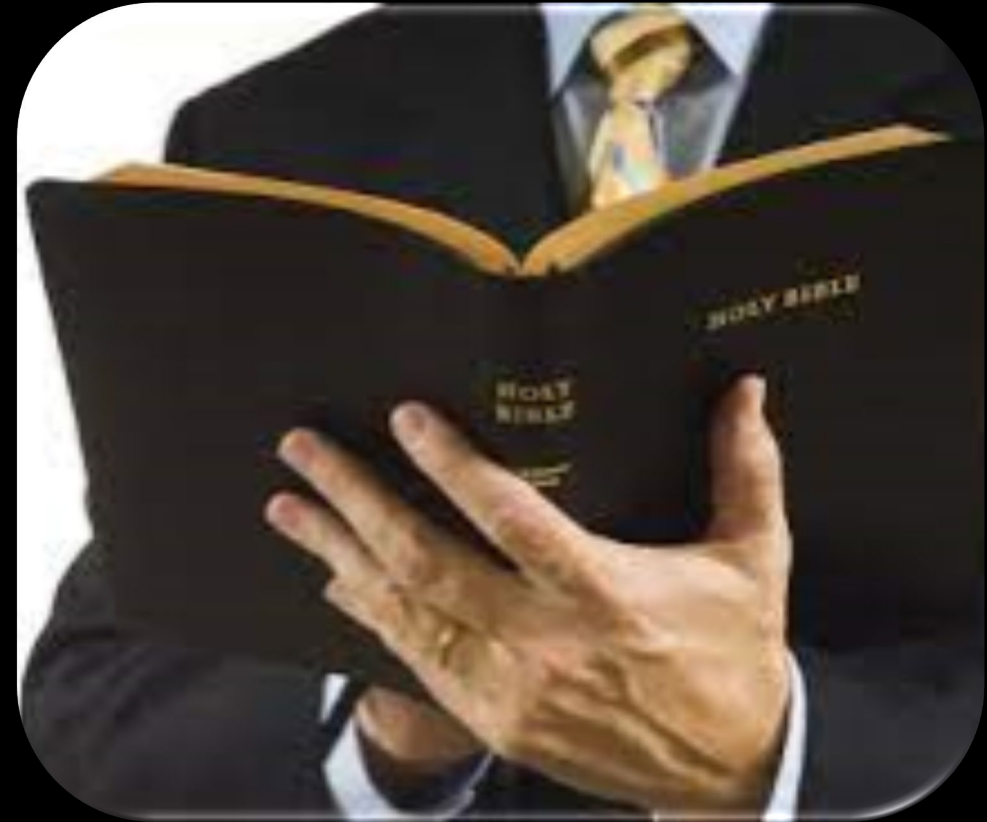
- ✓ Inerrant, Infallible, Inexhaustible
- ✓ Verbally Inspired... God-breathed
- ✓ Factually Correct and Complete
- ✓ Spiritually Empowering

But...
Which One?

IF WE ARE
TO
PREACH
THE
WORD, WE
NEED TO
KNOW
WHAT
THE
WORD IS!

The Preacher and His Bible

- ✓ Read It
- ✓ Heed It
- ✓ Memorize It
- ✓ Study It
- ✓ Practice It
- ✓ Pray It
- ✓ Preach It



Good preaching preparation begins with letting Scripture examine, speak, and preach to us.

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