

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF ERIE

SERMON OUTLINE

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1 Cor. 1:17-21; 2:1-5; 2 Tim. 4:1-2

I have completed the series on “*Understanding and Appreciating God our Father.*” In this final message, I would to speak about “**PLEASING GOD OUR FATHER.**”

Beloved, I believe it should be the heart’s desire of every child of God to want to please our Heavenly Father, just as we want to please our earthly fathers.

I don’t have to tell you that these are weird and wicked times and the work of the preacher is being **RETHOUGHT, REVAMPED AND REEXAMINED.** There is a new breed of clergy today who are not interested in being a **PREACHER**, but rather the **CEO** celebrity of religious country club and one who is an entertainer at the night club community center.

You watch and listen to many of the modern churches today and they are more like a pep-rally than a God centered worship service. The modern church is more like a religious nightclub than the House of God and there is little difference in the music or the message with the laser light show that goes on.

We know from our scripture text this morning that **PREACHING OF THE BIBLE** should be our primary task as we come to worship. ***A God called preacher will not preach about the Bible, but He will preach the Bible.***

Our passage **from 2 Tim. 4:1-2** gives us some insights into what the Bible says about Preaching that I want to share with you this morning. Notice four truths in these verses.

I. THE MOTIVATION FOR PREACHING V-1

In chapter **3:16-17** he tells Timothy that the Bible is God’s **inspired** Book and God’s **instructive** Book.

In V-1 Paul uses the word “**CHARGE**” which means: to attest or protest earnestly, testify (unto), witness. This word means “a solemn and serious charge.” The charge is not before a panel of men, but before God Almighty and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. THE MESSAGE OF PREACHING V-2a

“**preach the word**” is what Paul says we are to do.

Timothy was not to entertain, give the weather forecast, report the latest news, or give the latest stock report.

Preach is from the Greek word- **kerusso**, means: to herald (as a public crier), especially divine truth (the gospel) preach (-er), proclaim, publish.

Look at Jesus in **Luke 4:43-44. V-43** and what it says about Jesus “I must **preach**” (from evangelize meaning to announce the good news) then in **V-44** says “**He Preached**” same Greek word as in 2 Tim. 4:2. Then note what the preacher is to preach – “the **WORD**” (**logos**) means “what is said, the Divine expression, communication, and preaching

3. THE MANDATE FOR PREACHING V-2b

“Be instant/ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort”

Paul tells Timothy:

- **what** to preach (the word)
- **when** to preach it (in season and out of season)
- and the **way** to preach it (convince, rebuke, exhort)

4. THE METHOD OF PREACHING V-2c

“**with all longsuffering and doctrine/teaching**” The method of our preaching is to preach the word steadfastly, unreservedly, unswervingly, and patiently.

May we be found faithful teaching and preaching the word of God! The Lord has a call on our lives and a charge for our ministry of this Bible Believing Church. That we must be faithful preaching the gospel!