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PREACH THE WORD

Those who preach must preach the Word. Paul wrote, by inspiration, to the preacher Timothy:

I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry (2 Tim. 4:1-5).

Garland Elkins, our Dean of Public Relations, spoke at the recent MSOP Lectureship, and exemplified preaching the Word. I reminded those attending that brother Elkins had **preached the Word**, focusing upon what God said. Brother Elkins **quoted the Word**. He had spent the time to memorize Scripture; thus, he knew by heart the powerful message from God. He **cited the Word**, giving chapter and verse, so those listening could follow along, in their Bibles, and make sure that what he was preaching was true and accurate. Brother Elkins correctly **applied the Word**, giving the meaning, knowing that a sermon without application will

not accomplish all that it should or could--or that God intended.

He **showed respect for the Word and for the occasion**. He was not arrogant or flippant. Obviously, he held God and His Word in proper honor and high esteem. He respected the opportunity to preach, and the assembly of God's people.

Please, fellow preachers, let us all overcome the desire to be "seen of men" (Mat. 23:5), determine to preach the Word, faithfully and reverently, and let God be heard. Sadly, I have heard,

in worship assemblies of the Lord's people, "sermons" in which was very little Scripture. In one "sermon," the speaker neither quoted, cited, mentioned, or even vaguely alluded to one verse from the Bible.

Quotes of men, illustrations, personal accounts, and humor

may have a place in preaching, but they do not have first place. Neither are the eloquent renderings of the preacher's thoughts a substitute for the Word of God. Gestures, volume, dress, appearance, and movement should be such that the listener focuses upon the message, not the messenger.

Preachers, please give God's plan of salvation. After some "sermons," the question "What must I do to be saved?" remains unanswered, and the lost remain lost. God will be pleased, the lost will be saved, and the saved will be strengthened if we "**Preach the Word.**"



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We are happy to announce that brother James Watkins will be our guest speaker for the graduation of the Memphis School of Preaching Class of 2011. He will preach in a gospel meeting with the Forest Hill congregation, June 17-19, and will deliver the sermon and address on Sunday, June 19, at 5:00 P.M. The graduation exercises will follow the conclusion of the evening worship.



We urge all who can to be present for the 2:00 P.M. reception for the graduates and friends. This is a special day for the graduates, and their families and friends. We hope you can share it with them.

Thanks to all who have supported these good men and their families while they have been preparing to preach. They have worked diligently and we commend them for a job well done! Their work has shown them to be worthy of your prayers, your encouragement, and your financial support.

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