

THE POWER OF EXPOSITORY PREACHING IN THE LIFE OF A LOCAL CHURCH

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I. Introductory Reflection on 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

a. A Brief Theology of God's Word (2 Tim. 3:14-17)

- i. God's Word is _____
- ii. God's Word is _____
- iii. God's Word is _____

b. A Brief Theology of Preaching (2 Tim. 4:1-5; also Neh. 8:8, Ezr. 7:10, Lk 4:15 with Is. 61)

- i. Correction & Rebuke
- ii. Encouragement with great patience
- iii. Teaching

“When the Word is re-announced through preaching, there is a sense in which God, who revealed himself by that Word in the past, is re-revealing himself by that same Word once again.” - D.A. Carson (cf. Heb. 4:12)

II. What is Expository Preaching?

a. Definition: *An expository sermon makes the main point of the passage the main point of the sermon, and then applies it to the life of the congregation.*

b. The Unique Power of Expository Preaching

- i. It uniquely respects the way God has presented himself in the Scriptures.
- ii. It uniquely builds the church on the Word & Gospel.
- iii. It uniquely emphasizes the preaching event as one-way reception.
- iv. It uniquely encourages a culture of expository ministries within the church.

III. How do we do Expository Preaching?

- a. 5 Lenses
 - i. Exegetical
 - ii. Christological
 - iii. Doctrinal
 - iv. Doxological
 - v. Congregational
- b. Test case: *Why is this 3-min sermon on Philippians 4:13 terrible?*

IV. Why does this *matter*?

- a. Helps us to know what to *hunger* for on Sunday mornings (Ps. 119:16, Isa. 66:5, Matt. 5:6).
- b. Helps us view the Sunday morning sermon as a real *visitation* from God, by His Word & through His Spirit (1 Sam. 3:21).
- c. Helps us to know what kind of ministry *we* too ought to have.