

TEXT: 2 Tim. 4:2; 2:2

INTRODUCTION:

- A. ALWAYS GETTING ADVICE ON HOW TO PREACH.
- B. THE BEST PLACE TO LEARN WHAT KIND OF PREACHING IS NEEDED IS THE NEW TESTAMENT.

NT TEACHING WAS:

I. CLEAR, SOUND AND INTELLIGIBLE.

- A. PAUL **REASONED** FROM THE SCRIPTURES(**Acts 17:2; 18:4; 19:9**).
- B. NOT MERELY EMOTIONAL TIRADES OR PEP RALLIES.
- C. REASONED ON THEIR LEVEL - **FROM THE SCRIPTURES**(**17:2**).

II. BOLD AND AGGRESSIVE.

- A. THE EARLY CHURCH **PRAYED FOR COURAGE** TO PREACH(**Acts 4:29**).
- B. AND THEY DID(**1 Thes. 2:2; Acts 13:45-46**).
- C. JESUS WARNED THE APOSTLES(**John 15:20**).
- D. PETER'S COURAGE **COST** HIM(**Acts 5:27-32**).
- E. PAUL'S COURAGE WAS OF THE SAME FIBER(**Acts 24:24-25; 26:24-29**).
- F. PAUL SUFFERED UNEXPECTED LOSS(**2 Cor. 11:26; Gal. 4:16**).

III. CONTROVERSIAL.

- A. IN ORDER TO TEACH SOMEONE SOMETHING HE DOESN'T BELIEVE, **YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DISPUTE**(**Acts 6:9; 9:29**).
- B. APOLLOS, AFTER HIS CONVERSION(**Acts 18:27-28**).
- C. THE "GENTILE QUESTION"(**15:1-2**).
- D. **WE MUST DEFEND THE TRUTH**(**Jude 3; 1 Pet.3:15; Phil. 1:16**).
- E. FROM AN OFFENSIVE POSITION(**Phil. 1:27; 2 Tim. 4:2-4**).

IV. NOT COUCHED IN HUMAN WISDOM.

- A. THE **GOSPEL WAS THE FOCAL POINT**(**Acts 8:35; 17:2**).
- B. MAN CAN ONLY BE DISTRACTED BY HUMAN WISDOM(**Col. 2:8**).

V. RESPONSIBLE.

- A. THE SCRIPTURES AGAIN THE BASIS(**Acts 17:2-3**).
- B. **WARNING**(**Gal. 1:6-9; 2 John 9**).
- C. PAUL'S EXAMPLE(**Acts 20:20, 26-27**).
- D. FOR ALL TEACHERS(**James 3:1; 4:11**).
- E. LISTENERS HAVE A PART TO PLAY(**Acts 17:11**).

VI. MOTIVATED BY LOVE.

- A. **Eph. 4:15**. SPEAK THE TRUTH IN **LOVE**.
- B. **John 14:15**. WE ARE TO **LOVE OUR LORD**(**2 Cor. 5:14**).
- C. **Prov. 23:23**. WE MUST **LOVE THE TRUTH**.
- D. WILL WE **LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR**?(**Rom. 10:1, 13-15**).
- E. LOVE WILL BE EVIDENT(**2 Tim. 2:24-26**).

CONCLUSION:

- A. BIBLE INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREACHERS!
- B. LESSONS FOR LISTENERS.
 - 1. Care would not be necessary if the message was not vital.
 - 2. Will you hear?