

"SERMONS CHRISTIANS MUST PREACH"

2Tim 4:2-4

INTRODUCTION:

- A. You may never preach from the pulpit, yet there are sermons you can, and should preach
- B. In fact we are all preaching a sermon every day either good or bad
- C. Song "THE WORLD'S BIBLE"
- D. What are some sermons that we must preach in our everyday life?

DISCUSSION:

I. MUST PREACH PURITY OF LIFE

- A. Many reasons why one is attracted to Christ
 1. The beauty of his pure life Heb 4:15
 2. Even his enemies could find no fault in his life
 3. We are attracted to the church by his purity
 4. Since, however, the church is made up of individual Christians, it is either attractive or repelling to the world according to the lives of its members
- B. Some who otherwise would have obeyed the gospel have been repulsed by ungodliness on the part of some who call themselves Christians. It would be a shame for the church to be contaminated by impurity Eph 5:25-27

II. MUST PREACH HONESTY IN BUSINESS

- A. From his own day to the present Abraham Lincoln has been appreciated because of his honesty
 1. Note what Paul told the Corinthians 2Cor 13:7
 2. When Paul was carrying help to the poor saints in Judea, he followed a course that would be beyond question. He did not presume to handle the funds alone. To Corinth he said that whomsoever they approved could bring their gift and go with him to Jerusalem. He wanted all to know exactly what was being done. 2Cor 8:20,21
- B. Note Samuel's attitude 1Sam 12:3,4
 1. Would that all men, whether in public or private station, would be able to say in truth at the end of their tenure that which Samuel was able to say, and the people acknowledge as being true
 2. Article in "Reader's Digest" (April 88, p.177) "That Ethical Edge" Conclusion it pays to be honest

III. MUST PREACH LOYALTY IN EMPLOYMENT

- A. Principles for servant-master - these to be observed today in employee/employer relationship Eph 6:5-8; Col 3:22
- B. Paul also tells masters (employers) that they will give account to their Master in heaven

IV. MUST PREACH UNSELFISHNESS IN SERVICE

- A. Christ the perfect example Acts 10:38
 1. If we follow Christ in a day of his life, we will find him filling that day in serving others
 2. After the sermon on the mount he was met by a leper who asked for help. Christ healed him
 3. Then a Centurion came beseeching him in behalf of his palsied servant. Jesus said: Matt 8:13
- B. We no longer have miraculous power. However, since man still stands in need of help, there are many ways Christians preach unselfishness in service

V. MUST PREACH LOVE IN THE FAMILY

- A. In the Ephesian letter Paul set forth the great principles by which Christian homes are governed Eph 5:22,23; 6:1-4
 1. The wife is to be subject to her husband, and recognize him as the head of the house
 2. This would not be difficult for her to do, because the husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church and gave himself for it.
 3. Children are to honor and obey their parents, again, this should not be hard to do, when parents show love, respect and devotion to the children
- B. When these great principles are followed, homes will not be torn apart, and children will not be dreadfully victimized by unloving parents

VI. MUST PREACH FAITHFULNESS IN WORSHIP

- A. There should be a burning desire in the heart of every Christian to honor God in worship at every opportunity Psa 122:1
 1. God wants faithful and true worshippers Jhn 4:23
 2. If we are not at the planned place of worship, then we are not what God is seeking
- B. Illustration: Lady faithful in attendance, walking to building past man's house, causes men to want to find out why
- C. God requires no more from any individual than faithfulness

CONCLUSION:

- A. The most effective sermons that can be preached are those that are demonstrated in the lives of faithful Christians day by day
- B. These sermons are preached where the greater number of people are to be found, in the market place, in the home, in the school, along the streets.
- C. What sermons are you preaching? (note song again)