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**NINE REASONS FOR PREACHING EXPOSITORY SERMONS**

Preaching Lecture #8

**Introduction:** Expository preaching (preaching verse by verse and chapter by chapter) has many advantages. Here are nine reasons why a preacher should preach expository sermons.

**I. EXPOSITORY PREACHING LETS GOD CHOOSE THE SUBJECT OF THE SERMON**

- A. As you are going through a book of the Bible your topic will be the topic of the next section or the next set of verses.
- B. Preaching through Scripture chapter by chapter, even verse by verse is preaching the Bible how God had it written.
  - 1. Each book is a story or a letter with a beginning and an ending.
  - 2. To properly understand the ending you need to understand the beginning.

**II. EXPOSITORY PREACHING FORCES THE PREACHER TO PREACH CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED OFTEN.**

- A. Every part of Scripture points in some way to the sacrifice of Christ for our sins.
- B. Paul wrote, “We proclaim Him (Christ), admonishing every man and teaching every man.” (Col 1:28)

**III. EXPOSITORY PREACHING FORCES THE PREACHER TO TALK ABOUT THINGS HE MIGHT NOT NORMALLY TALK ABOUT.**

- A. If a preacher is committed to preaching through books of the Bible then he cannot avoid topics that are not popular, like suffering.
- B. This also forces the pastor to study hard each week because the church expects him to explain the meaning of each section the best he can.

#### **IV. EXPOSITORY PRECHING KEEPS HE PREACHER IN CONTEXT**

- A. By preaching chapter by chapter and even verse by verse, the preacher must explain how each verse fits in with the verses around it.
- B. This kind of preaching helps provide proper context for every verse of Scripture.
- C. This kind of preaching helps the church member learn how the Bible fits together.

#### **V. EXPOSITORY PREACHING SHOWS THOSE WHO ARE LISTENING THAT THE PREACHER WANTS TO CENTER EVERYTHING ABOUT HIS MINISTRY ON THE BIBLE.**

- This kind of preaching demonstrates that the preacher wants to be a man of the Word.

#### **VI. EXPOSITORY PREACHING SHOWS PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH HOW THEY SHOULD READ THE BIBLE (VERSE BY VERSE AND CHAPTER BY CHAPTER).**

- A. Topical preaching helps people for a few days as they might think about the topic the preacher preached.
- B. Expository preaching shows people how to read the Word so they can get answers for themselves day by day.

#### **VII. EXPOSITORY PREACHING MAKES IT EASIER TO PLAN THE NEXT SERMON**

- When the preacher is planning his next sermon he knows he will begin where he finished the week before.

#### **VIII. EXPOSITORY PREACHING TAKES THE PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH DEEPER INTO THE WORD**

- A. It helps people develop a deeper relationship with Jesus.
- B. It helps people get to know the Word of God more deeply.

#### **IX. EXPOSITORY PREACHING CREATES PREACHERS WHO ARE FILLED WITH THE WORD OF GOD**

- A preacher must dedicate himself to studying the Word and doing what the Word says before he can preach it effectively. As he studies and applies the Word in his own life, his life becomes saturated with God's Word.

**Conclusion:** Preaching expository sermons will accomplish what God wants for each believer and for each church. Expository preaching will make sure the church is centered on the Bible and that each person is growing to maturity in Christ.