

## Listen!

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1 Timothy 4:11-16; Titus 3:4-8

*Preaching is the authoritative application of the gospel to the church by those appointed to do so in order to save those who hear.*

- I. Carries Authority
  - A. "Let no one disregard you." (1 Timothy 4:12; Titus 2:15)
  - B. What does "authority" mean in a preacher?
  - C. Getting the Bereans wrong (Acts 17:11)
  - D. Beyond teaching (2 Corinthians 5:20).
- II. Applies the Gospel
  - A. Applies *the Gospel* (1 Timothy 3:16; 2 Timothy 2:8; Romans 1:1-6; 2:16; Hebrews 2:15).
  - B. Applies the Gospel (Titus 3:5, 8; Ephesians 3:14).
- III. To the Church
  - A. Preaching is for the people of God (2 Timothy 4:1; Matthew 22:14; Ephesians 1:4; 1 John 2:19; Acts 20:29-30)
  - B. Preaching is public (1 Corinthians 14:24-25).
  - C. The Church makes the Gospel public (1 Timothy 3:15)
- IV. By Those Appointed to Preach
  - A. Not all Christians preach (1 Timothy 3; 4:14; Titus 1)
  - B. The elders have authority and responsibility for the ministry of the Word
  - C. Humility and love
- V. (Listening Well)
  - A. Read the text ahead of time
  - B. Pray for the service and the preacher
  - C. Get enough sleep
  - D. Use the sermon outline
  - E. Listen carefully
  - F. Ask good questions
- VI. To Save Those Who Hear
  - A. The Word saves (1 Timothy 4:16; 2 Timothy 2:2)
  - B. Justification (Romans 5:1; 10:14)
  - C. Sanctification (John 17:17; Hebrews 12:14)
  - D. Why? (2 Corinthians 4:7; John 1:14; James 1:21, 22, 25; Mark 9:7)

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