

Marks of a Faithful Preacher, Part 1

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: 2 Timothy 4.
- B. Paul gives a graphic portrait of a faithful preacher.
- C. Every believer should hold their leadership accountable on these terms.
- D. The Bible is clear with the expectations it has of its people.
- E. The first element of a faithful preacher is the knowing the seriousness of a leader's commission. (James 3:1)
- F. The compelling element is that leaders labor in light of the coming of Jesus Christ. Every preacher is responsible to the judge, Christ Jesus.

II. Jesus is the judge and he is aware of every detail. (John 5:22, 1 Timothy 5)

- A. What we do is in full view of God.
- B. All judgment has been given to Christ, and we will be evaluated for a reward. (1 Corinthians 3; 2 Corinthians 5; Acts 10:42; 17; Romans 2:16; 1 Corinthians 4:1-5, Galatians 1:10)

III. Jesus appearing was expected, and leaders look to be commended by him. (Titus 2:13)

Application Questions:

1. How can a Christian encourage his or her leader to be faithful in the manner described in the message? Explain.

2. Why is Christian leadership such a serious calling?

3. What does the coming of Jesus mean for Christian leaders? Explain.
