

## **Marks of a Faithful Preacher, Part 2**

*John MacArthur*

### I. Introduction.

A. Text: 2 Timothy 4.

B. There are characteristics that the faithful preacher must be held to.

### II. Preachers are to preach the word.

A. Preaching means to publicly announce. (2 Peter 2:5)

B. The Word refers to the full revelation of God. It is to be taken in, understood and then proclaimed.

C. Paul was a preacher of the mystery now revealed, which is the New Testament. (Colossians 1, 2 Corinthians 4:5)

D. Exposition focuses on the meaning of the sacred writer.

E. Preaching the Word of God is right because...

1. It gives voice to God.
2. It brings the preacher into direct contact with the mind of the Holy Spirit.
3. It forces the preacher to preach the entire word of God.
4. It reinforces biblical literacy.
5. It carries the ultimate authority.
6. It transforms the preacher.

### III. Preachers are to understand the scope of their commission.

A. They are to be ready. (Romans 1:15, 1 Timothy 3:15, Ephesians 5:16)

B. Without eagerness, a ministry will die.

### III. Preachers have a positive ministry of training and a negative ministry of rebuke

A. The preacher reproveth and rebuketh. First sin is disclosed. Second the sinfulness of the sinner is addressed. (Luke 3:18, Ephesians 5:11, 1 Thessalonians 2:11)

B. We have to show patience as we encourage people to spiritual recovery.

**Application Questions:**

1. Which reason for preaching the word do you find to be outstanding?

---

---

2. How should the Word be preached?

---

---

3. Why is it necessary sometimes to have a "negative message?" Explain.

---

---