

Commitments of a Powerful Leader, Part 3

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Titus 1.

B. Paul could say that he did exactly what God wanted him to do. Rarely do we see this. (Galatians 1:24)

C. Every Christian can be commended if the commitment is there.

D. Paul's commitments were the foundations of his power.

II. A commitment to God's mastery.

III. A commitment to God's mission.

IV. A commitment to God's message.

V. A commitment to God's means.

A. The means to accomplish the mission is preaching the message.

B. Preaching always has to do with proclaiming the word publicly that has to do with evangelization. (Matthew 12:41, Luke 11:32, 1 Corinthians 1:21, 15:14, Titus 1, 2 Timothy 4:17)

C. Jesus, his followers and the prophets were preachers. Preaching is God's means. (Matthew 4:17, Acts 10:36, Ephesians 2:17, Isaiah 57:19, Luke 9:16, Acts 10:42)

D. Beautiful sanctifying truth comes from sharing the gospel. (Romans 10:13, Colossians 1:23-25, 2 Timothy 3:15)

E. The message is the Scripture and the means is preaching it. The message is sanctification, justification, edification and glorification for edification, evangelization and encouragement. (1 Corinthians 1:23, 2 Corinthians 4:5, 1 Corinthians 2:4-5, Romans 16:25)

F. Preaching was a sacred trust for Paul. (1 Timothy 2:7, 2 Timothy 1:11, Colossians 1:25, 1 Corinthians 9:16, Galatians 1)

G. God is a savior by nature. In order to fulfill this purpose, he called Paul to preach. (1 John 4:14)

H. Paul shunned manipulative oratory. The only legitimate means to change is the mind. The preacher's goal should be attention and comprehension and the Spirit's task is to do the rest. (1 Corinthians 2)

I. The proper kind of preaching is expository preaching. It is the only way that is true to Scripture. The goal is to preach the passage as it originally meant in the passage.

Application Questions:

1. How can leaders engage in God's means when so few have a professional pulpit ministry?

2. How would you summarize the message of Scripture?

3. What is expository preaching?
