

HOW THE EVANGELIST MUST SPEAK

Eph. 6: 18 – 20

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I. INTRODUCTION

- a. In this text, Paul wanted the Ephesians to pray for him that he might “*speak boldly as I ought to speak*” – Eph. 6:20.
- b. There is a WORK that belongs to an evangelist – 2 Tim. 4:5:
 - i. 2 Tim. 4:2
 - ii. I Cor. 1:21
 - iii. Paul – Acts 20:20
- c. He is to preach the Word “*in season, out of season*” – 2 Tim. 4:2.
- d. He is to preach with BOLDNESS – *unreservedness of utterance*.
 - i. The Apostles prayed for Boldness – Acts 4: 29, 31; I Thess. 2:2; Acts 4:13.
- e. He is to speak with ALL AUTHORITY – Tit. 2: 15.

II. THE EVANGELIST IS TO SPEAK FAITHFULLY

- a. 2 Tim. 2: 2; I Thess. 2:4 – not pleasing men.
- b. I Cor. 4:2; 2 Cor. 4:2.
- c. I Pet. 4: 10 – 11.
- d. Jesus Christ, our example, was always faithful to God – John 8:29; 4:34.
- e. Paul always sought to please God – Gal. 1:10; 2 Tim. 2:4.
- f. The Evangelist must speak the word “*in season, out of season*” – 2 Tim. 4:2.
 - i. There is a real temptation to be well-received – Luke 6:26.
 - ii. To compromise is to SELL OUT to the enemy – Matt. 12:30.
 - iii. There is little praise for the faithful preacher, but God will supply ample blessings – 2 Cor. 12:9.
 - iv. We must NOT seek *men’s* reward – Matt. 6:1.
- g. The evangelist must faithfully deal with the NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE.

III. THE EVANGELIST MUST PREACH THE WORD FULLY.

- a. Acts 20:20, 26 – 27.
- b. This a frightening thought when one considers the many subjects in the Bible.
- c. One must be careful lest he INADVERTENTLY FAIL TO SPEAK on some Bible subject – 2 Tim. 3: 16 – 17.
 - i. Often, while we stress one Bible principle, we overlook others.
- d. To preach the Word fully entails an enormous amount of STUDY – 2 Tim. 2:15; I Tim. 4: 13 – 16.
- e. One must preach about:
 - i. God
 - ii. Christ
 - iii. Holy Spirit
 - iv. The Church
 - v. Sin
 - vi. Discipline

- vii. Heaven
- viii. Hell
- ix. Satan
- x. Baptism
- xi. Work
- xii. The Gospel
- xiii. Worldliness
- xiv. The Home
- xv. Marriage
- xvi. Worship . . .

f. “MEAT” and “MILK” must be provided – Heb.5: 12 – 14; I Pet. 2:2; I Cor. 3: 1 – 3.

IV. THE EVANGELIST IS TO PREACH FORCEFULLY

- a. Peter “raised his voice” on Pentecost – Acts 2:14.
- b. He preached the gospel with force and “cut to the heart” – Acts 2:37.
- c. Stephen’s preaching cut to the heart – Acts 7: 54.
- d. Preaching should seek to effect a change in belief and life.
- e. Preaching must become personal, since sin and damnation are personal – Acts 2: 22 -23.
- f. Preaching must MOVE PEOPLE out of their deadly complacency.

V. THE EVANGELIST MUST PREACH FERVENTLY

- a. Rom. 12:11; Col. 3:23
- b. “Fervent” means: to be hot; to boil – *Vine*
- c. He should preach like he was the ONLY ONE telling the old, old story.
- d. He must be URGENT in his preaching – 2 Tim. 4:2.
- e. There is NO excuse for one to tell the good news of salvation *in a dry manner*.

VI. THE EVANGELIST MUST PREACH FEARLESSLY

- a. Rev. 21:8; Matt. 10:28; 2 Tim. 1:17.
- b. King Saul sinned because “*he feared the people and obeyed their voice*” – I Sam. 15:24.

VII. THE EVANGELIST MUST PREACH IN FEAR

- a. In fear of the Lord – I Cor.2: 1 – 5.
- b. I Pet. 3:15.

VIII. CONCLUSION

- a. We must encourage more faithful men to become *faithful evangelists*.
- b. Men who love the truth, and will preach it without fear of man.