



## II Timothy 3:1-4:8

### “Conventional Wisdom vs Biblical Wisdom in Regards to Preaching”

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- I. The \_\_\_\_\_ of our preaching (II Timothy 3:1-13).
  - A. Our \_\_\_\_\_ (II Timothy 3:1-5).
  - B. Our \_\_\_\_\_ (II Timothy 3:6-9).
  - C. Our \_\_\_\_\_ (II Timothy 3:10-13).
- II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of our preaching (II Timothy 3:14-4:2).
  - A. \_\_\_\_\_ should we preach? (II Timothy 4:2)
    1. Conventional wisdom says preach self-help, felt-needs, health, wealth, tradition and white-hot emotionalism.
    2. Biblical wisdom says preach the \_\_\_\_\_ (II Timothy 4:2).
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_ should we preach the Word?
    1. Conventional wisdom says the Bible bores, but felt-needs will swell our sanctuary to bursting.
    2. Biblical wisdom says we should preach the Word (II Timothy 4:2).
      - A. Because Scripture alone is able to make us wise unto \_\_\_\_\_ (II Timothy 3:15).
      - B. Because Scripture alone is God-\_\_\_\_\_ (II Timothy 3:16a).
      - C. Because Scripture alone offers a 4-fold path to \_\_\_\_\_ (II Timothy 3:16b)
      - D. Because Scripture alone can \_\_\_\_\_ the man of God for kingdom impacting service (II Timothy 3:17).
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_ should we preach the Word?
    1. Conventional wisdom says when they are ripe/ready.
    2. Biblical wisdom says whether in season or out of season preach the Word (II Timothy 4:1-2b)

D. \_\_\_\_\_ should we preach the Word? (II Timothy 4:2b)

1. Conventional wisdom says with shouting, slickness or in a special voice.

2. Biblical wisdom says:

a. Correct, rebuke, encourage (II Timothy 4:1a)

b. With great patience (II Timothy 4:1b)

III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of our preaching (II Timothy 4:3-5).

A. Conventional wisdom says conflict is only because false teachers seduce the unstable when people follow unbiblical preachers.

B. Biblical wisdom says people want what they want, not what they need (II Timothy 4:3-5)

IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ of our preaching (II Timothy 4:6-8).

A. Conventional wisdom says preaching is \_\_\_\_\_ - the preacher only works on Sunday for an hour.

B. Biblical wisdom says Biblical preaching will \_\_\_\_\_ you (II Timothy 4:6).

C. Conventional wisdom says preaching is something you can throw together at the last minute on Saturday night.

D. Biblical wisdom says it is hard work and requires \_\_\_\_\_ (II Timothy 4:7)

E. Conventional wisdom says the reward for good preaching is the *Killer B's*; buildings, bucks, baptisms and an audience of accolades. Mercs and perks, and your own TV show on the God channel.

F. Biblical wisdom says our reward is \_\_\_\_\_ - from Christ, and it is much better than the temporal (II Timothy 4:8).

### **Additional Notes:**



## Diving Deeper in Scripture Together

### Questions for Discussion & Reflection

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1. What is some conventional wisdom about preaching (what are common sayings or expectations for preaching)?
2. There have been times in history that demonstrated a general sense of biblical morality. How does the description of the culture in the last days (II Timothy 3:1-5) fit our context today? Do you see these characteristics around you?
3. How can we recognize a false teacher? What are the characteristics, and what do we need to be on guard against?
4. In a depraved context with false teachers and persecution – what should be preached (II Timothy 4:2; Nehemiah 8:8)?
5. How can you develop in your commitment to the public reading of Scripture?
6. Why should we preach the Word (II Timothy 4:2-4)? What additional reasons can you think of (practically and Scripturally)?
7. Compare II Timothy 4:17 to Ephesians 4:12. What do we learn about biblical preaching? How are your local church leaders equipping your congregation?
8. Why is patience so important in preaching (II Timothy 4:2b)?
9. What is the reward (II Timothy 4:8) for such hard labor (II Timothy 4:6-7)?
10. What have you learned from the study of 2 Timothy? How can you put it into practice or share it with someone this week?