**When You Come to Church**

The role of biblical preaching in the life of a believer

**Text**: **2 Timothy 4:1-5**, “I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: **2**preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. **3**For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, **4**and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. **5**As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.” **English Standard Version**

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**Point #1**: **Demand** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.1-2a**

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**Point #2**: **Expect** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **v.2b**

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**Point #3**: **Avoid** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.3-4***When you come to church, you must*…

**Point #4**: **Make** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **v.5**

**Corollary Verses**: Titus 1:5; Acts 14:21-23, 17:2-3; James 3:1-2; Jeremiah 20:9; 1 Kings 22:6-9, 13-14; Ephesians 5:18; John 16:33; 2 Corinthians 11:22-27; Mark 1:15; and Acts 20:21.
**Application Questions**
These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1.) Read **Titus 1:5**; **Acts 14:21-23**; and **1 Timothy 3:1-7** then answer the following questions. Why is it important that elders are not self-appointed? Why is it important that a potential leader aspires to the office of elder? According to these passages who is involved in choosing a potential elder/s?

2.) Read **James 3:1-2**; **Hebrews 13:17**; and **1 Timothy 5:19-20** then answer the following questions. What is the easiest way for a preacher to sin? Who are preachers accountable to? How would it benefit a preacher if the congregation lovingly encouraged him to engage in biblical preaching? Why is it also the responsibility of the congregation to demand biblical preaching? According to **Acts 17:2-3** what is a simple understanding of biblical preaching?

3.) Read **Jeremiah 20:9** and **Acts 2:37-38** then answer the following questions. When Jeremiah speaks of having a burning fire within his heart, how does that relate to the act of preaching? When Peter’s audience was cut to the heart, what does that look like? Why is it important for a preacher to preach with passion?

4.) Read **1 Kings 22:6-8** and **1 Kings 22:13-14** then answer the following questions. The modern-day equivalent of an Old Testament prophet would be a preacher because he is engaged in the “forth telling” of the word of God. Like the false prophets of old, what motivates some modern preachers to only say things that people want to hear? What motivates a biblical preacher (like Micaiah) to speak both good and bad news?

5.) Read **Ephesians 5:18**; **2 Corinthians 11:23-27**; and **Mark 1:15** then answer the following questions. Why is it important for a preacher/believer to always be in complete control of their mental faculties? Why is it important for a preacher to tell people about hardships and trials of the Christian life? What is the primary theme of all preaching (see ***1 Corinthians 1:23***)?