

Preach The Word 2Timothy 4:1-5

Local Church Organized For Growth

Ephesians 4:11-14

Growth in any endeavor begins with teaching

Since God provided the Word, also provided a means for that Word to spread. - **Romans 10:13-17**

Quote from Isaiah regarding the pleasantness of receiving good news - **Isaiah 52:7**

The Preacher

Three terms used to describe

Preacher - proclaimer, herald, crier (God's Message) - **Romans 10:14-15**

Paul - **Acts 17:18; 1Timothy 2:7; 2Timothy 1:11**

Noah - **2Peter 2:5**

Evangelist - announcer of good tidings (the Gospel) - **2Timothy 4:5; Ephesians 4:11**

Philip - **Acts 21:8**

Minister - a servant (of Christ or the Word)

Paul - **Romans 15:15-16**

Timothy - **1Timothy 4:6**

Apostles - **Luke 1:2**

Three terms relate to the Gospel or God's Message - Paul & Timothy referenced by all three terms

Preacher Qualities

No list of qualifications as such

Paul's instructions to Timothy reveal qualities a preacher must pursue

Purity in example - **1Timothy 5:22; 4:12**

Diligence in focus - **2Timothy 2:15-16; 1Timothy 4:13-15**

Steadfast in courage - **1Timothy 6:11-12; 2Timothy 3:14-17; 4:1-5**

Love for saving souls - **1Timothy 4:16; 2Timothy 2:22-26**

Preacher's Place

Where is preacher in organization? - **Ephesians 4:11**

Apostles and prophets, as used here, are no longer among us. We have their inspired message to guide us, but they are gone from earth.

Work is proclaiming the Gospel - **1Corinthians 15:1-5; Acts 20:20-21,26-27**

Authority comes from the Word - **Romans 10:17**

Appoint, Instruct & rebuke elders - **Titus 1:5; Acts 20:17; 1Timothy 5:19-20**

Yet work with elders in teaching the flock

Work and have concern for many different congregations - **1Corinthians 4:17; 2Corinthians 11:28**

As proclaimer of the Gospel also concern for those outside the body - **Acts 17:16**

Part Of The Purpose

Remember the theme in Ephesians 4 is the building of the body of Christ.

Preacher has a place in the whole body & a place in the local church

That place is in proclaiming the Gospel of Christ

He is a servant of the Word, not the local church - **2Timothy 4:1-2**

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