

## Martin Luther

“The highest form of worship is the preaching of God’s Word.”

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“If I could today become king or emperor, I would not give up my office as preacher.”

## Someone

“Who, having been called to be a preacher, would stoop to be a king?”

## Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

“Now let us hurry on to something much more important – the romance of preaching! There is nothing like it. It is the greatest work in the world, the most thrilling, the most exciting, the most rewarding, and the most wonderful. I know of nothing comparable to the feeling one has as one walks up the steps of one’s pulpit with a fresh sermon on a Sunday morning or a Sunday evening, especially when you feel that you have a message from God and are longing to give it to the people. This is something that one cannot describe.”

## Charles Haddon Spurgeon

"I scarcely ever prepare for my pulpit with pleasure. Study for the pulpit is to me the most irksome work in the world."

## Pastor Bruce Theilman

"There is no special honor in preaching, there is only special pain. The pulpit calls those anointed to it as the sea calls its sailors. And like the sea, it batters and bruises and does not rest. To preach, to really preach is to die naked a little at a time and to know each time you do it that you must do it again."

## Warren Wiersbe

“For our preaching to be biblical, the message must be based on the Word of God, presented by a messenger who lives under the authority of that Word, organized in a manner that instructs the mind and moves the heart and captures the will, and interpreted and applied in a way that is true to the text.”

## Paul's Charge to Timothy

- 1) A Solemn Charge

## II Corinthians 5:8

“We are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.”

## Philippians 1:21

“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”

## Philippians 1:23

"I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better."

## Hebrews 9:27

"And as it is appointed for man to die once, but after this the judgment."

## II Corinthians 5:10

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

## James 3:1

“Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment.”

## Paul's Charge to Timothy

- 1) A Solemn Charge
- 2) A Simple Charge
- 3) A Stable Charge

## Paul's Charge to Timothy

- 4) A Serious Charge

## Hebrews 4:12

“For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

## Paul's Charge to Timothy

- 4) A Serious Charge
- 5) A Sober Charge

## I Thessalonians 2:3-5

“For our exhortation does not come from error or impurity or by way of deceit; but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who examines our hearts. For we never came with flattering speech, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed – God is witness.”

## Galatians 1:10

“For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.”

## II Corinthians 11:23-27

“Are they servants of Christ? – I speak as if insane – I more so, in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death. Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and day I have spent in the deep.”

## II Corinthians 11:23-27

“I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren; I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.”

## Haddon Robinson

“The presentation of biblical truth, derived from and transmitted through a historical, grammatical, Spirit-guided study of a passage in its context, which the Holy Spirit applies first to the life of the preacher and then through him to his congregation.”

## Luke 24:27

“Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He *explained* to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.”

## Luke 24:32

“They said to one another, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was *explaining* the Scriptures to us?’”

## Luke 24:44-45

“Now He said to them, ‘These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.”