

Series: *Marks of a Healthy Church*
Sermon #3: '*Expositional Preaching*'
(2 Timothy 3:16-4:5)

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Sermon Point:

In order for a church to remain faithful to Jesus, it needs an ongoing, non-stop commitment to biblical preaching.

Sermon Outline:

A) The Content of the Charge: Preach the word (v.2)

- **The approach:** 1) _____ 2) _____ & _____ 3) _____
- **The attitude:** 1) _____

When we think about the 'non-negotiables' of a true church and how we choose a church to call home, the preaching of the word must be very high up on our list.

You are responsible as a local church to hold your pastors/elders accountable to the all-important mandate given to them by God: preach the Word.

B) The Audience of the Charge (v.1)

Preaching the word is done under the gaze of God the Father & God the Son.

To be serious about biblical preaching shows loud and clear what we say we believe: that Jesus is Lord of all history, before whom every knee will bow one day when he comes again to judge the world.

C) The Urgency of the Charge (vv.3-4)

The word of God has always been under attack.

How this happens: "Out with faithful preachers and in with false teachers who love to entertain the crowds by telling them what they want to hear." (e.g. seeker-sensitive/attractational churches & progressive/mainline churches).

This is a real threat in every church. The only way to prevent it is to remain grounded in the word of God and to preach it with Spirit-led conviction.

D) The Obligations Included in the Charge (v.5)

1) _____ ; 2) _____ ; 3) _____ ; 4) _____

Conclusion:

"Do Your Job." —Coach Bill Belichick (6x Super Bowl Champion)