

**Intro:**

READ WLC Q&A 159.

Main Point of Text: Apollos was an effective helper of the saints because he was a committed, cultured, conscientious, correctable, called, convicted, and courageous preacher in the Scriptures and in the Spirit of Christ.

LC: “They that are called to labour in the ministry of the word ...” (See also 158). Titus 1:3; 1 Tim. 2:7; Col. 1:23; Rev. 2-3: “To the angel” of each church: “pastors/preachers” (messengers). Kingly summons.

Sermon Point: *Preachers must PREACH.*

**Move 1: *Pray for your preacher to give you good content.***

LC: “are to preach sound doctrine”:

- Acts 18:24: Apollos was “eloquent” (skilled, learned, cultured); “mighty” (able/powerful) in the Scriptures. Vs. 25: He was “instructed” (Gk: “by word of mouth”) in “the way of the Lord”. Vss. 25-26: yet when he had something to learn from others more precisely, he took it / took with him.
- *But speak thou the things which become sound [healthy] doctrine ... Sound speech ...* (Tit 2:1, 8)
- Matters so much to get it right: Gal 1:8-9).

**Move 2: *Pray for your preacher to be committed.***

LC: “diligently, in season and out of season”:

- 2 Tim. 4:2-5: *Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.* Farm land/plough fallow ground (Jer. 4:3).
- Acts 18:25: Apollos “spoke and taught diligently” (carefully, accurately, with consideration).

LC: “faithfully, making known the whole counsel of God”: 1 Cor. 4:1-2; 2 Tim. 2:15; Jer. 23:28; Luke 24:27; Acts 20:25-27; ... *we ought to obey God rather than men.* (Acts 5:29;

**Move 3: *Pray for your preacher to preach with careful consideration.***

LC “plainly, not in the enticing words of man's wisdom”:

- *For Christ sent me ... to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but ... it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe ... we preach Christ*

*crucified ... the power of God, and the wisdom of God ... things which are despised, hath God chosen ... That no flesh should glory in his presence. (1 Cor. 1:17-29)*

LC “wisely, applying themselves to the necessities and capacities of the hearers”:

- Acts 18:27: Apollos helped the saints grow in grace (and he had gotten written notice of his calling and authority to be received to do so). This surely involved knowing the people (what they needed).
- ... *Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:* (Col. 1:27-28)

**Move 4: Pray for your preacher to be conscientious.**

LC “sincerely, aiming at his glory, and their conversion, edification, and salvation”:

- *For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.* (2 Cor. 2:17). Must not be like Pharisees.
- *But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.* (2 Cor. 4:2)
- *But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts. For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness:* (1 Thess. 2:4-5)
- ... *we speak before God in Christ ... we do all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying.* (2 Cor. 12:19)
- Acts 26:16-18; Jer. 3:15

**Move 5: Pray for your preacher to have conviction.**

LC: “in demonstration of the Spirit, and of power”: caring preachers are courageous:

- Ps. 40:9: Jesus did not hold back/does not hold back (Heb. 10). Mk. 1:22: He spoke with authority, not like the scribes, and people were astonished. So when Christ preaches through the preacher.
- Barnabas ... *declared ... and ... preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.* (Acts 9:27)
- Paul spoke of himself: *Preaching ... with all confidence, no man forbidding him.* (Acts 28:31)
- Acts 18:25 Apollos was **fervent** in the Spirit, Greek: “conviction, boiling hot, burning zeal, maintain a spiritual glow. Vs. 26: he spoke boldly (freely, fearlessly, with courage). Vs. 28: he “mightily”, vigorously/vehemently refuted (negative) and proved (positive) the Scriptures of Jesus.

LC: “zealously, with fervent love to God and the souls of his people”:

**Conclusion:**

Paul on purpose/manner of preaching: 2 Corinthians 10:4-6.

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