

Apollos, An Exemplary Preacher

Acts 18:22-28

Introduction

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This marks the beginning of Paul's third missionary journey.

"strengthening all the disciples"

Seven Key Features of an Exemplary Preacher (vv24-28)

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"Apollos" a converted Jewish man with a Roman name that refers to *Apollo*, a Roman god.

"Alexandria"

Apollos was no doubt a highly educated man – particularly in the OT Scriptures.

I. Eloquent

v24b *He was an eloquent man*

"eloquent" A learned man who reasons and expresses himself well with words.

The exemplary preacher must be a good communicator.

1 Corinthians 1:12

1 Corinthians 3:4-6

1 Corinthians 3:21-23

1 Corinthians 4:6

II. Mighty

v24c *mighty in the Scriptures.*

"mighty in the Scriptures" Gk *dunatos*; 'mighty, able, powerful, strong'

1 Corinthians 2:4-5

"For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power." 1 Corinthians 4:20

1 Thessalonians 1:5

1 Corinthians 2:13

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“True preaching, after all, is God acting. It is not just a man uttering words it is God using him” Lloyd-Jones

III. Instructed

v25a *He had been instructed in the way of the Lord.*

The exemplary preacher must be well educated in the Scriptures.

IV. Fervent

v25b *And being fervent in spirit,*

“fervent in spirit” Gk zeon; ‘to seethe, bubble, boil’; ‘be enthusiastic, excited, on fire.’

Jeremiah 23:29

Preaching is God speaking to man through a man.

There should be a deep sense of urgency conveyed here.

Jeremiah 20:9

The preacher himself must be gripped by what God has given him to preach.

Luke 24:32

If the preacher is not genuinely riveted, captivated by what he preaches no one else will be.

V. Accurate

v25b *he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus,*

2 Timothy 2:15

The faithful preacher will renounce and resist the temptation to compromise the accuracy of the Scriptures for the sake of accommodating man.

2 Corinthians 4:2

though he knew only the baptism of John.

VI. Bold

v26a *He began to speak boldly in the synagogue,*

“speak boldly” ‘speak clearly; have the courage’ ‘openly, boldly, without constraint.’

Titus 2:15

The exemplary preacher must recognize the authority inherent in the Word he was given to preach.

He must remember that he is not speaking to the people by their permission, but by the call of God.

VII. Humble

v26b *but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him and explained to him the way of God more accurately.*

“more accurately”

The preacher must also be humble, willing to be corrected by God or by others.

He must be genuine, he must be real. He is, after all, just a man – a sinner saved by the grace of God.

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