

“Preaching Like Paul...”

Lesson Text: **Titus 1:1-3.**

Intro. Some say we are nothing like the first century church in many ways....
But, in what ways? Culturally? Technologically? Generationally? Scripturally?
What about our preaching? Do we preach like Paul? What matters, and why?

I. Paul Was Not An Impressive Preacher.

A. 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

- Is the focus of preaching today on impressing people with excellence of speech, superior oratory, or Charismatic personality?
- Many preachers today want to impress you with how much they know....
- Would churches of today even consider someone like Paul as their preacher?

B. God is not against eloquence- Acts 18:24. But motives must be good- Phil. 1:15-16.

II. Paul Preached With Simplicity.

A. Simplicity- The quality or condition of being easy to understand or do. (**Webster**)

B. 1 Corinthians 14:19; Colossians 1:9.

- Many today preach using words that are too bombastic? Grandiloquent? Magniloquent? Sonorous? Flamboyant?
- Why not keep it simple? Plain and easy to understand?

C. Paul had a simple message- 1 Corinthians 2:2; 6-8. Why?

III. Paul Preached The Whole Counsel of God.

A. Acts 20:18-31.

- Do we preach like Paul when preachers of today never want to speak on certain topics? When there are Bible topics left unspoken?
- What about warning the brethren of false brethren and false teaching?
- Would Paul preach the feel-good, cotton candy, flowery preaching of today?

IV. Paul Was A Consistent Preacher.

A. 1 Corinthians 4:17. Greatest indictment of denominationalism!

- Same message for all people (Jews and Gentiles).
- Paul did NOT preach it “flat or round” depending on the audience!
- Are preachers of today consistent in the message of truth?

V. Paul Did Not Seek To Please Men.

A. Galatians 1:10. That was not his business!

- Do preachers of today cater to men, or please God?
- If they do, what would it look like? **2 Timothy 4:1-5.**

VI. Paul Preached In All Humility.

A. Acts 20:18-19.

- Are the show-boating, glory-seeking, crowd-pleasing, preeminence-loving preachers of today preaching like Paul? (A warning for us all...)
- **Philippians 2:5-9.**