

EXHORTATION: THE PREACHER AND THE PEOPLE

“Preaching is the timeless link between God’s redemptive act and man’s apprehension of it. It is the medium through which God contemporizes his historic self-disclosure in Christ and offers man the opportunity to respond in faith.”

R. H. Mounce, “Preaching,” *The New Bible Dictionary*, 961

The Preacher

In the study

1. I submit myself to God.
2. I submit myself to the text.
3. I submit myself to the church.

“Ordination is the recognition by the church of those whom God has called and equipped for regular ordained ministry in the church.”

Robert Saucy, *The Church in God’s Program*, 164

In the pulpit

1. The sermon.

2. The sympathy.

The People

Q. 160. What is required of those that hear the word preached?

A. It is required of those that hear the word preached, that they attend upon it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; examine what they hear by the Scriptures; receive the truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind, as the Word of God; meditate, and confer of it; hide it in their hearts, and bring forth the fruit of it in their lives.

Westminster Catechism

Your Bible.

1. _____ it.
2. _____ it.
3. _____ it.

Your notes.

1. Take notes of some kind.
2. Variations on page 38.

Your body

1. Your _____.
2. Your _____.
3. Your _____.
4. Your _____.

Your holy distractions

1. Those kids are your _____.
2. Those thoughts are you _____.

Your heart

1. Let the Spirit use Word _____.
2. Let the Spirit use the Word _____.

