

PREACH AS IF YOU WOULD DIE & GO TO HEAVEN WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED.

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If it were revealed to you that you were about to preach the last sermon you would ever give, how would you preach and what would you do different?

- 1) Preach Christ & Him crucified.** Every preacher must have a central thrust and focus and centerpoint in every sermon. He must herald the Lord Jesus Christ and His redemptive work. Not every sermon is a gospel, evangelistic sermon but every message must proclaim Him.
- 2) Preach with the Spirit's power.** The minister must beg earnestly for the Spirit of God to come upon him and anoint him with power and unction. The Spirit makes the words he utters effective. Let every man of God preach every sermon with the Spirit's empowerment.
- 3) Preach God's Word faithfully.** Preaching takes the Word of God and proclaims its eternal message to the hearers that have gathered so that they know what God has said and that they know how they must respond. To preach faithfully is to be God's mouthpiece.
- 4) Preach to save souls.** A man ought to never ascend to the pulpit and preach if he thinks that no one may be saved that day. What little faith that poor preacher possesses! He must preach to snatch souls from the eternal fire! He should preach to win people to Christ!
- 5) Preach to as to feed hungry sheep.** Christ's shepherd loves Christ's blood-bought sheep. Nothing is so urgently needed among sheep than being fed. They could be coddled, encouraged, and stroked but without food, they will die. Preach Christ to feed hungry souls!
- 6) Preach with utmost passion.** A dull and boring preacher of the gospel is a contradiction in terms. No man can sit having his heart and mind soaked with divine truth and then preach God's Word without passion. Let a man have fire in his bones as he preaches with the tongs of the divine altar that have consecrated his lips. Indeed, may the Spirit thunder through Him as he preaches passionately to persuade. He heralds for a verdict!
- 7) Preach to all people present.** Many different kinds of people gather to hear the preached Word. There are the truly converted souls who crave to behold Christ in a deeper way and to know in knowledge of Him. There are the outright unbelievers who have no desire to reconcile to God. Indeed, many churchgoers sit under the word who think they stand right with God but who bear no fruits in keeping with repentance. Additionally, there are the procrastinators who think they can persist in sin and then forsake it later on in their lives. Preach to all who gather.
- 8) Preach as to never preach again.** If a man knew he would never preach again, how must this man announce His Master's message? He must give his all, his energy, his life, his sweat, his prayers, his passion! Nothing less.
- 9) Preach truth that's gripped your heart.** Everyone knows when a man preaches without conviction. A minister won't compel a congregation to believe truth that has not gripped the innermost parts of his own heart.
- 10) Preach for the glory of God.** Irregardless of how many people may assemble together, a man of God always preaches ultimately to an audience of *One*. God is there. And God will listen to how the minister takes His own very Word and heralds it and applies it. May preachers preach for the utter magnification of God almighty!