Securing the Future of the Church

“Through Preaching”

Introduction: 1. I love preaching and I love preachers.
2. If I had my life to live all over again, would I change anything? Of course! What kind of a nut do you think I am? But one thing I wouldn’t change is being a preacher.
3. (1 Corinthians 1:18).
4. Let’s address how preaching and the proper kind of preaching can help secure the church.

I. Preach the Word
   A. (2 Timothy 4:1-4; 1 Peter 4:11).
   B. (Romans 1:16) the power of conversion is in the word.

II. Preach the Whole Counsel of God
   A. Some don’t teach error, they just refuse to speak the whole truth.

III. Preach with a Goal to Communicate
   A. (1 Corinthians 14:9-19).
   B. We need preachers who are more concerned about effectively communicating God’s word than they are in developing the perfect sermon form.
   C. We need gospel preachers, not professional sermonizers.

IV. Preach for Nothing
   A. (Job 1:9; 2 Timothy 4:2).
   B. Be willing to stand alone, lose a job, make people angry, and even lose your life.

V. Preach with Urgency

VI. Preach with Humility & without Jealousy
   A. (James 4:10; Philippians 1:15).
   B. The preacher across town and the church across town are not the enemy.

VII. Preach With Balance
   B. Sweet Psalmist of Israel - (2 Samuel 23:1).

Conclusion: 1. Great preaching and great preachers can help secure the future of the church.
2. What’s the difference in a good preacher and a great preacher? When a good preacher finishes his sermon, people say, “What a great preacher he is.” When a great preacher finishes his sermon, people say, “What a great God we serve.”