**More Gospel Preaching**

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**One of the greatest needs today for the church is good, sound, solid preaching. More book, chapter, and verse.**

**We live in the entertainment age where conversation is a lost art. No longer do people just up and visit people anymore. People are just too busy. They are so involved in things that they just don’t have the time to converse with people.**

**If company does come they are most likely interfering with TV, Facebook, or computer game time.**

**Sports rule our lives anymore. At any given time you can turn on the television and watch some type of sports program.**

**There are some people who know just about every sports statistic you can think of, but their knowledge of the scripture is very vague. They know every player who played in the World Series, super bowl, what or who won the game, etc.**

**Today computers and cell phones captivate us.**

**It is not uncommon for some people, not just young people to text, or take a picture of someone during services and post it on Facebook. I know this for a fact because I have seen post from our own congregation. I have seen people searching the web on their devices during services.**

**Today we have more time saving devices in our hands, but less time to work and study for the Lord. Our grandparents who labored in the fields farming or gardening, canning food, sewing their own clothes, etc. they had less time but accomplished more with the precious time they had.**

**The rage today is to have twenty-minute sermons. The argument is that people cannot sit for an hour and listen to a sermon, they get bored and tired and sleepy. They can however keep focused on a football game they may last four hours.**

**The suffix ette means small**

**A humorist once observed that sermonettes are preached by preacherettes to Christianettes.**

**What are out marching orders? Mark 16:15-16**

**The Church is called what in I Timothy 3:15?**

**Where did the early disciples go in Acts 8:4?**

**Where did the early disciples preach? Acts 20:20**

**What did Paul say he was not ashamed of? Romans 1:16**

**Paul said he was set for what? Philippians 1:17**

**What sets men free? John 8:32**

**We don’t need preachers in the pulpits that are afraid to speak the truth.**

**There was a time when gospel meetings would last for one-two weeks, sometimes a month or more. Now we are lucky if we have a Sunday-Wednesday meeting.**

**Those meetings were attended heavily by the membership, now we can’t get all of our own members to attend a meeting that we have.**

**Part of the low or lack of attendance may be in part that preachers are not laying it on the line like they should.**

**It should be pointed out that plain positive preaching does not have to be mean, abusive, unkind, or overbearing.**

**Today, some have come to consider being kind the same as compromising the truth. Under the guise of not hurting the feelings of anyone they soft pedal the truth and leave the world in darkness.**

**It is important to preach the word because it is able to build us up as Christians. Christians need to be built up because there are so many influences that are working to tear them down.**

**Are we quiet as Christians, or do we speak out. Titus 2:11-12**

**Good sound gospel preaching will drive alien sinners out of the world and into the church. It will also help to keep Christians in the church.**

**The problem today is that there are too many people in the church, Elders, Deacons, Preachers, and members who want the feel good religion preached to them so they can feel happy with the life they lead. It does not help their soul any, but it makes them feel as if they are doing what they can which may be just getting by and not doing what they can do.**

**II Timothy 4:1-4; Revelations 20: 11-15**