

Preaching to the Tares and Wheat
Hebrews 5:11–14

Introduction: The necessity of preaching messages that balance the needs of the tares and wheat within every church.

Preach messages of rebuke, exhortation and warning to the tares.

Although, the true believer needs to here messages of rebuke and exhortation, in this particular case the writer of Hebrews is focusing on preaching a message of encouragement to the true child of God.

I. True Child of God, be encouraged, you are beloved by the leaders in the church.

II. True child of God be encouraged by your response to the revelation of God's goodness.

The content of their response to the revelation of God's goodness was better.

Genuine believers have a better response to the enlightenment of God than the counterfeit believers.

Genuine believers have a better response to the heavenly gift than counterfeit believers.

Genuine believers have a better response to the work of the Holy Spirit than counterfeit believers.

Genuine believers have a better response to the word of God than the counterfeit believers.

Genuine believers have a better response to the powers of the age to come than counterfeit believers.

The consequence of their response to the revelation of the goodness of God was better.

III. True child of God be encouraged, your motivation for ministry is grounded in his love for God.

The ministry that is grounded in the love of God is a continual ministry.

The ministry that is grounded in the love of God is others minded.

The ministry that is ground in the love of God is an act of righteousness.

IV. True Child of God be encouraged by your exemplary life. 1 Thessalonians 1; 2:13–14

Exemplary diligence.

Exemplary confidence.

1 Peter 1:13 Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 4:6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. **7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; **8** in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Exemplary endurance.

1 Peter 1:3–5

Hebrews 10:32–39

Conclusion: Hebrews 12:1–3