

Praying for the Preaching of the Word

Colossians 4:2-4, and others

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Main Point:

Pray for the preaching of the Word, so that sinners would be saved, saints would be sanctified, and God would be glorified.

1. God wants His people to pray for the preaching of His Word.
2. Pray for the Lord to bless the preacher as he prepares for and delivers the sermon.
3. Pray for the Lord to bless the congregation as they hear the preached Word, so that sinners would be saved and saints would be sanctified, all to the glory of God.

Quotations and Cross-References

2 Thessalonians 3:1 ¹ Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run *swiftly* and be glorified, just as *it is* with you. (NKJV)

Ephesians 6:18-19 ¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints-- ¹⁹ and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, (NKJV)

2 Timothy 4:2-4 ² Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. ³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; ⁴ and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. (NKJV)

2 Timothy 2:15 ¹⁵ Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (NKJV)

2 Corinthians 2:1-5 And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. ² For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. ³ I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. ⁴ And my speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. (NKJV)

Romans 10:13-14, 17 ¹³ For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." ¹⁴ How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? ... ¹⁷ So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (NKJV)

2 Timothy 3:16-17 ¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (NKJV)