

Declaring All The Counsel of God

Introduction:

- A. Once I was told I needed to leave local work because I am too plain in my preaching.
 - B. The problem is deeper seated: Some do not want the plain declaration of the whole counsel of God. - Acts 20:26-27
 - C. This lesson will answer four questions about declaring the whole counsel of God.
- I. Why do preachers need to declare all the counsel of God?
- A. save sinners - Romans 1:16; James 1:21
 - B. edify the church - Acts 20:32
 - C. prevent apostasy - Acts 20:28-31
- II. What is included in declaring all the counsel of God?
- A. the word - 2 Timothy 4:1-2
 - B. only the word - 1 Peter 4:11
 - C. all the word - Acts 20:20,26-27
- III. How should we declare all the counsel of God?
- A. plainly - 2 Corinthians 3:12
 - B. in love - Ephesians 4:15
- IV. Why do many preachers not declare all the counsel of God?
- A. on the part of preachers: selfishness - Acts 20:22-24,33-35
 - B. on the part of brethren: lack of love for truth - 2 Timothy 4:3-4
- Conclusion: I am determined to fulfill the charge. - 2 Timothy 4:1-8