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***CUTTING IT STRAIGHT: PREACHING THAT IMPACTS RATHER  
THAN PREACHING THAT IMPRESSES***

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## **What is preaching?**

Delivering a sermon or religious address to any number of people on the life, death, resurrection, sacrifice, promise and expectations for our lives through Jesus. Also, referred to as the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## **What does it mean to make an IMPACT?**

To have a strong effect (done with supporting evidence and or examples) to someone or something.

## **What does it mean to IMPRESS?**

To make someone feel admiration and respect.

## **IMPRESSION?**

An idea, feeling, or opinion about something or someone, especially one formed without conscious thought or on the basis of little evidence.

Therefore, we are able to bridge together a thought or suggestion that differentiates Preaching that Impacts compared to Preaching that Impresses.

Preaching that makes an IMPACT. Is preaching The Gospel of Jesus in such a way that leaves a strong effect on a person or group of people. Done so by the use of supporting evidence or examples which comes from the Word of God.

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Preaching that IMPRESSES. Is preaching The Gospel of Jesus in such a way that gives someone a feeling, idea, or opinion. Which is formed without conscious thought and on the basis of little evidence.

*The challenge this modern era preacher faces, is to boldly, accurately, and consistently preach the Gospel of Jesus in a way that positively*

IMPACTS the lives of God's people in an era of time when people only want to be IMPRESSED.

2 Timothy 4:3-5

<sup>3</sup> 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; <sup>4</sup> and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. <sup>5</sup> **But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.**

Why must the Word be preached? For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine. People will not want spiritual food that is healthy but simply something that tastes good. They'll even gather teachers who will satisfy their desires, who will address the itch they want scratched. They'll turn from the truth toward myths. Sinful people don't naturally run toward what is holy and righteous. They prefer what makes them feel good. That's why they need to hear the Word faithfully preached. Timothy couldn't control the response to his sermons. But he could commit himself to God's calling on his life. He could exercise self-control (*letting the gospel transform his life*), endure hardship (*suffering for the gospel*), and do the work of an evangelist (*proclaiming the gospel*). In this way, he would fulfill his ministry. He'd complete what he started.

To Preach to leave an IMPACT:

Starts with our COMMITMENT TO JESUS and His Knowledge

John 21:15-17

<sup>15</sup> So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon,

son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?”

He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.”

He said to him, “Feed My lambs.”

<sup>16</sup> He said to him again a second time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?”

He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.”

He said to him, “Tend My sheep.”

<sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?”

Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?”

And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.”

Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep.

Twice, Jesus, asked Peter do you love me? Sacrificially. Both times Peter responded I love you as a friend.

Then Jesus asked do you love me as a friend and Peter replies Lord you know all things.

### **What did Jesus know?**

- He knew Peter was the main one to say he would never leave nor deny Jesus and as soon as Jesus was in a conflict Peter denied him.
- He knew Peter heart and mind still wasn't right while they conversed on the beach front. Because of how he answered the first two questions.
- He knew what he was about to ask of Peter. To feed and tend to the sheep.

***(To feed= To feed. To tend = protect, groom, anoint, guide, search for them if they get lost, nurture them)***

Commit to the INITIAL INTENT of the WRITERS

John 3:14-17

<sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved

What is the original meaning of **SO**?

Do these questions mean the same thing?

Romans 6:1

<sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?

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Romans 6:15

<sup>15</sup> What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!

Commit to Being Humble

Luke 18:10-14

<sup>10</sup> “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust,

adulterers, or even as this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ <sup>13</sup> And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Man wanted to buy the power of The Holy Spirit

Acts 8:18-20

<sup>18</sup> And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles’ hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, <sup>19</sup> saying, “Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>20</sup> But Peter said to him, “Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!

Commit to WISDOM

1 Kings 3:7-10

<sup>7</sup> Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup> Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?”

<sup>10</sup> The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.

- Stand on what you believe
- Preach without reservation
- Acknowledge the truth of a New Heaven and a New Earth