

PASTORAL RESPONSIBILITIES

From the book of Titus

I want to challenge Pastor Andy to be a faithful pastor and fulfill three specific responsibilities given to Pastor Titus by Paul in the book of Titus.

I. SPEAK ACCURATELY - Titus 1:9

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. - II Tim. 2:15

A. THE REQUIREMENT FOR HIS SPEECH

1. Holding fast the faithful Word
2. In accordance with the teaching

B. THE REASON FOR SUCH SPEECH

- A shepherd must be able to tend his sheep and drive away the wolves

1. Be able to exhort in sound doctrine
2. Be able to refute unsound instructions

II. SPEAK AUTHORITATIVELY - Titus 2:15

Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe. - I Tim. 4:12

A. THE CONTENT OF YOUR SPEECH (15a)

1. Things benefitting sound doctrine (2:1)
2. Things encouraging Christian lifestyles (2:2-10)
3. Things promoting a Christian worldview (2:11-14)

B. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUR SPEECH (15b)

1. Constancy:
 - Keep on telling never slack off or quit (pres. act. part.)
2. Exhortation:
 - Applying the truth to local circumstances and urging people to follow it
3. Reproof
 - A friendly fearlessness

C. THE CERTAINLY OF YOUR SPEECH (15c)

1. With all authority
2. With all urgency

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III. **SPEAK PRACTICALLY** - Titus 3:8

I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. - II Tim. 4:1-2

A. THE CONCEPT: Be Assertive

- Speak confidently: Insist on and stress these things ... prioritize correctly

B. THE CONDUCT: Encourage activity (and not just theory)

1. Ask two questions of believers:

a. Are you concerned about others? What do you care about?

b. Are you engaged with others? Have you busied yourself with being a blessing to others?

2. One reality: A Christians beliefs should affect their behavior

C. THE CONCLUSION: Make an impact!

1. Generally: If the believer's character is excellent and their doctrine promotes holy living, it is profitable for others also.

2. Beautifully: These things are good

- They are morally virtuous

3. Beneficially: These things are profitable

- They are helpful to others.

CONCLUSION:

Pastor Andy, God has called you to be a faithful pastor.

From the book of Titus we've seen three responsibilities for faithful ministers:

1. Speak Accurately - Titus 1:9

2. Speak Authoritatively - Titus 2:15

3. Speak Practically - Titus 3:8

If you do these things you will prove yourself and worthwhile pastor worthy of God's praise.

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