

An aerial photograph of a busy crosswalk with white stripes on a dark asphalt surface. Several pedestrians are walking across the crosswalk, and their long shadows are cast across the stripes. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

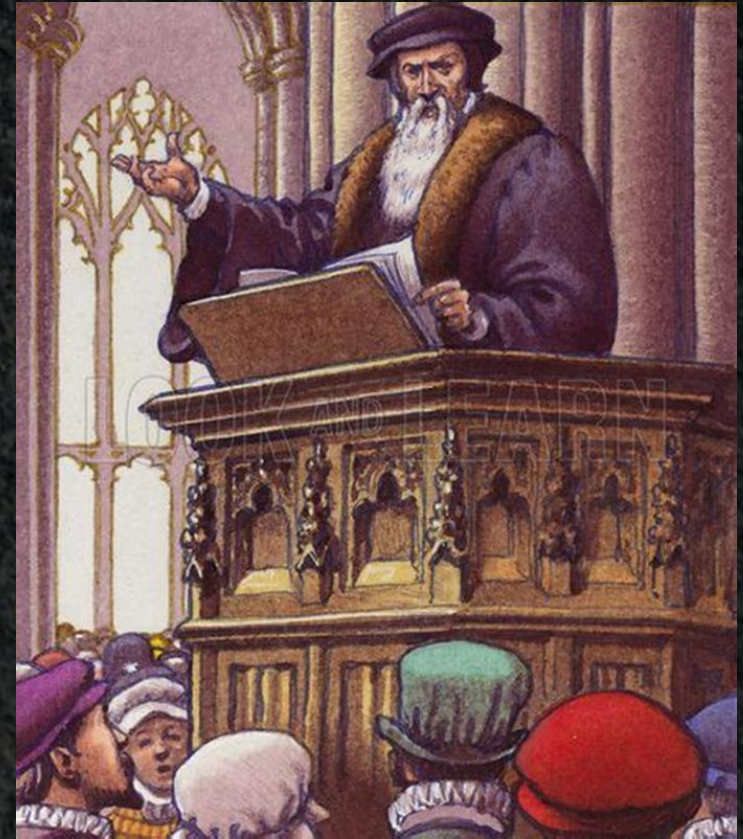
LAST DAYS LIVING

A STUDY IN I & II THESSALONIANS

**“The Profile of a Godly Pastor”
(Part 3)**

I THESSALONIANS 2:9-13

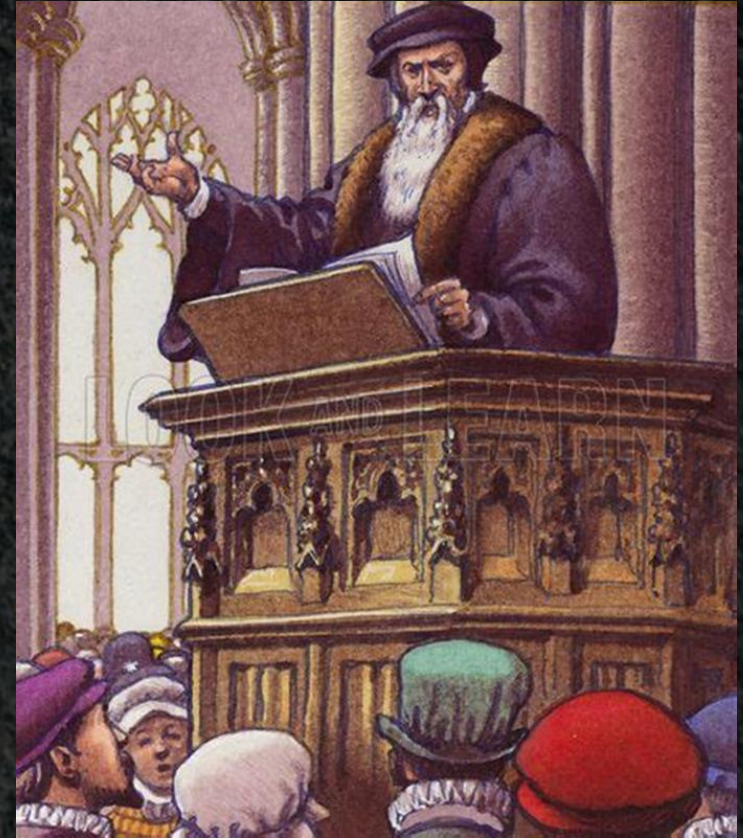
“A pastor will become even more zealous when he is told that both his salvation and that of the people who listen to him depend on his devotion to his office...God alone saves, and no part of his glory can be transferred to men...



John Calvin

... But God's glory is not at all diminished when he employs men's efforts to bestow salvation... God alone is the author of salvation.

But this does not exclude the ministry of men, for the well-being of the church depends on that ministry."



John Calvin

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KEY POINT:

A godly pastor will show evidence of his righteous character by how he shepherds the church.

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- Labor: difficult work, fatiguing work, tiring work
- Toil: distressing work, toilsome work, hardship

Words for “Work”

Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears.

Acts 20:31

*as we pray most earnestly night and day that we
may see you face to face and supply what is
lacking in your faith?*

I Thessalonians 3:10

nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you.

II Thessalonians 3:8

*17 Let the elders who rule well be considered
worthy of double honor,
especially those who labor in preaching
and teaching.*

*18 For the Scripture says,
“You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the
grain,” and,
“The laborer deserves his wages.”*

I Timothy 5:17-18

In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.

I Corinthians 9:14

Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches.

Galatians 6:6

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*14 I do not write these things to make you
ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved
children. 15 For though you have countless guides
in Christ, you do not have many fathers.
For I became your father in Christ Jesus through
the gospel.*

I Corinthians 4:14-15

- Exhorting – “to strongly urge someone”
- Encouraging – “to console, to comfort”
- Charging – “to testify, to implore”
- Calling – “to come to God”

Four Verbs

*And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle,
encourage the fainthearted, help the weak,
be patient with them all.*

I Thessalonians 5:14

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*How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!*

Psalms 119:103

*Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream,
but let him who has my word speak my
word faithfully.*

Jeremiah 23:28

- Saves (James 1:18)
- Sanctifies (John 17:17)
- Matures (I Peter 2:2)
- Frees (John 8:31-32)
- Counsels (Psalm 119:24)
- Builds up (Acts 20:32)
- Gives hope (Psalm 119:147)

The Bible

“The minister does not cease to be a pastor when he goes into the pulpit; he then takes up one of the minister’s most exacting and serious tasks. We sometimes hear it said of a minister: ‘He is a good pastor, but he cannot preach.’

The sentence is self-contradictory...



Charles Jefferson
The Minister as a Shepherd

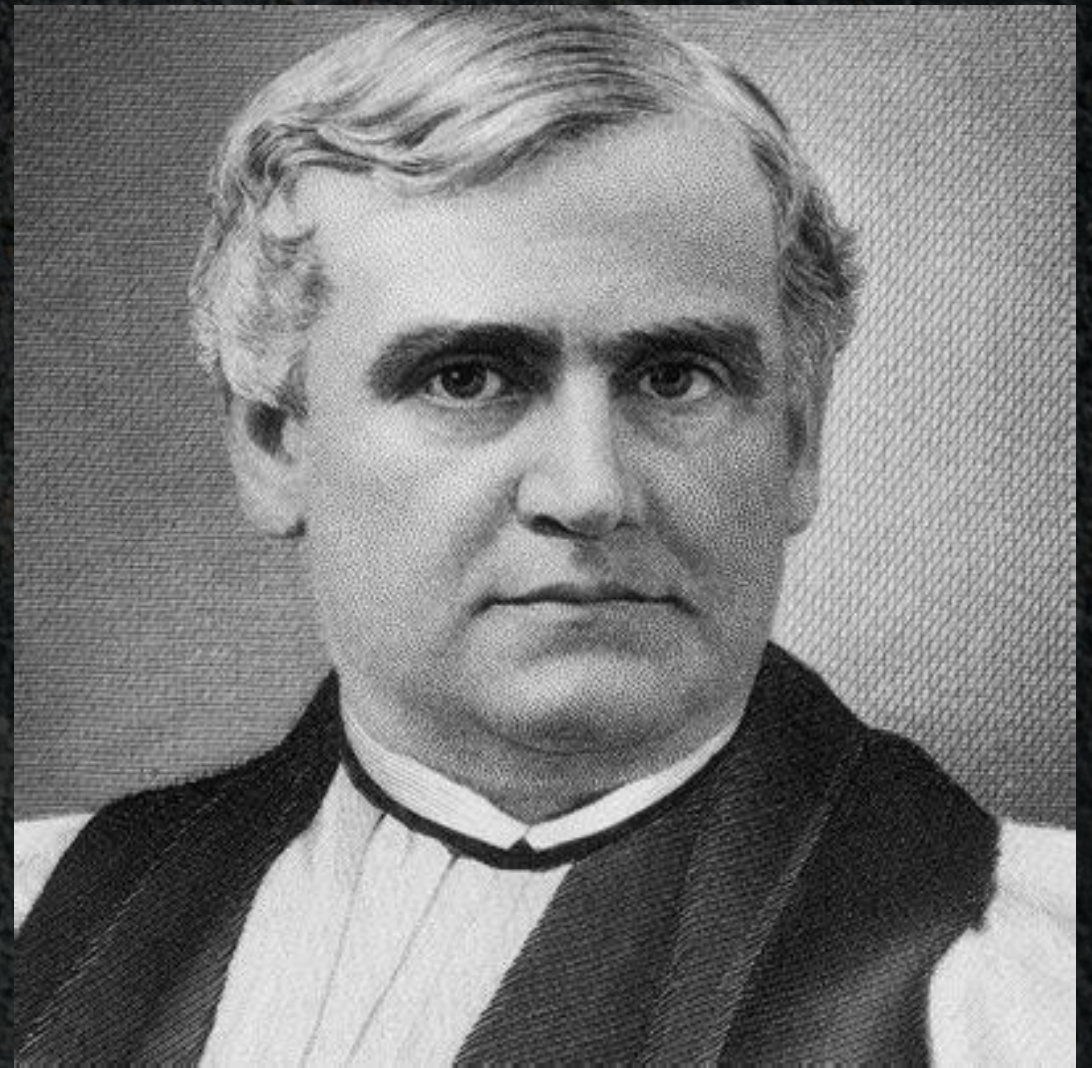
“...No man can be a good pastor who cannot preach, any more than a man can be a good shepherd and still fail to feed his flock...

Some of the finest and most effective of all a minister's pastoral work is done in his sermon.”



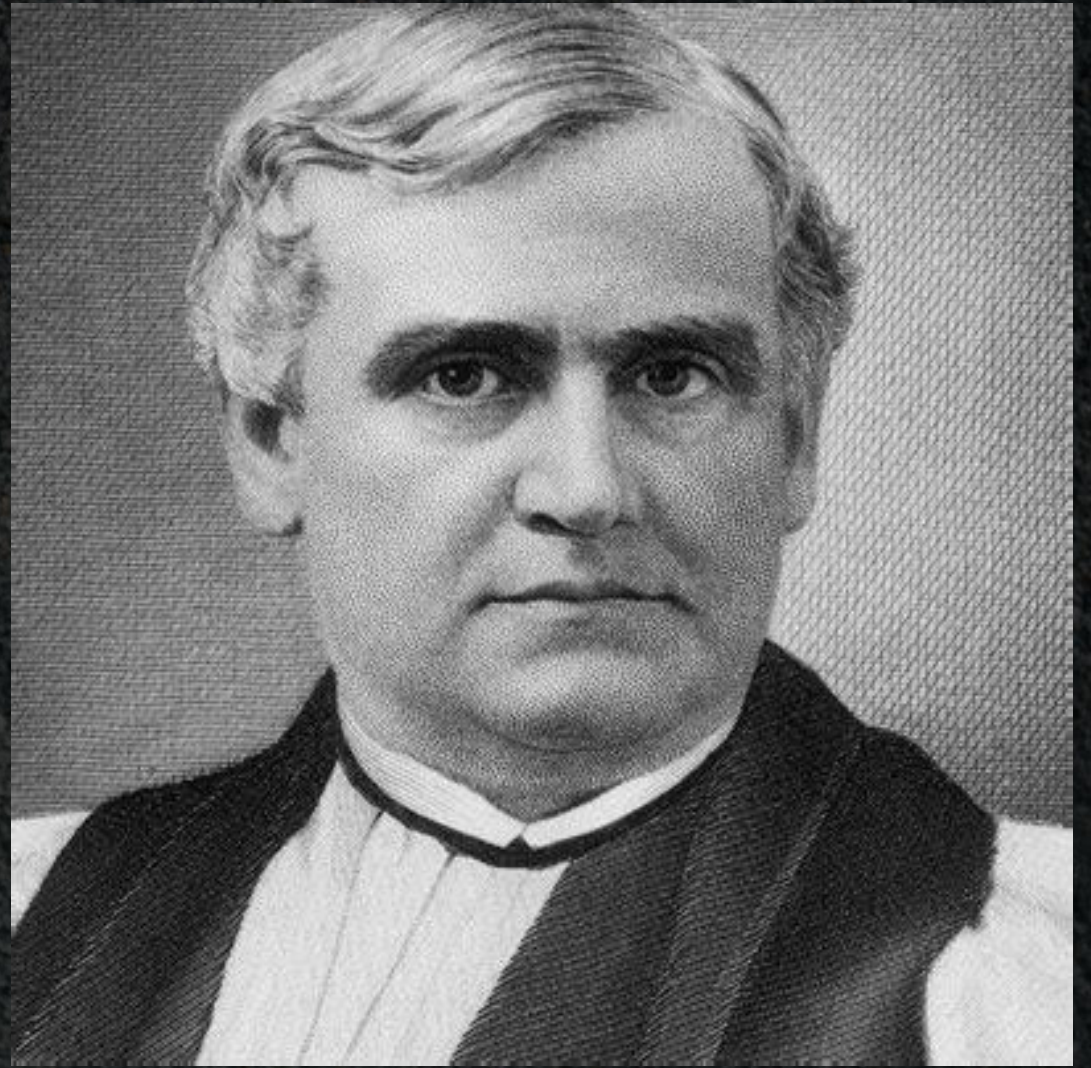
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“If you are afraid of men
and a slave to their
opinion, go and do
something else.
Go and make shoes to
fit them. Go even and
paint pictures which you
know are bad,
but which suit their
bad taste...



Philips Brooks

“... But do not keep on
all your life preaching
sermons which say
NOT what God sent you
to declare, BUT WHAT
THEY HAVE YOU TO
SAY. Be courageous.”



Philips Brooks

1. It allows God to speak, rather than man.
2. It forces us to preach the whole counsel of God.
3. It promotes biblical literacy.
4. It doesn't allow for skipping "difficult" sections.
5. It shows the importance of context.
6. It honors the way God revealed Himself in His Word.

Why Expository Preaching?

“What is Luther?
The teaching is not mine.
Nor was I crucified for
anyone... How did I,
poor stinking bag of
maggots that I am,
come to the point where
people call the children of
Christ by my evil name?...
I simply taught,...



Martin Luther

“... preached, wrote God’s Word; otherwise, I did nothing. ... The Word so greatly weakened the papacy that no prince or emperor ever inflicted such losses upon it. I did nothing; the Word did everything.”



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