

“I haven’t written my own epitaph, and I’m not sure I should. Whatever it is, I hope it will be simple, and that it will point people not to me, but to the One I served.” —Billy Graham

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“I am not going to Heaven because I have preached to great crowds or read the Bible many times. I’m going to Heaven just like the thief on the cross who said in that last moment: ‘Lord, remember me.’”  
—Billy Graham

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Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel.

—Philippians 1:27 ESV

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Preaching

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What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. —Philippians 1:18 ESV

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## Preaching Reveals the Authority of the Word of God

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<sup>16</sup>All Scripture is breathed out  
by God and profitable  
for teaching, for reproof,  
for correction, and for training  
in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>that the man  
of God may be complete,  
equipped for every good work.

—2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV

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“True worship is response  
to God’s revelation of  
Himself through His Word,  
and worship apart from  
the Word is just another  
form of mythology.”

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<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is  
folly to those who are perishing,  
but to us who are being saved it  
is the power of God... <sup>20</sup>Where  
is the one who is wise? Where is  
the scribe? Where is the debater  
of this age? Has not God made  
foolish the wisdom of the world?

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<sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of  
God, the world did not know  
God through wisdom,  
it pleased God through the  
folly of what we preach to  
save those who believe.

—1 Corinthians 1:18, 20-21 ESV

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## Preaching Presents the Wisdom of God

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<sup>1</sup>The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good.  
<sup>2</sup>The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.

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<sup>3</sup>They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.  
 —Psalm 14:1-3 ESV

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The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. —Proverbs 1:7

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Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. —2 Timothy 4:2 ESV

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Preaching Calls for Response to the Will of God

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<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.  
<sup>23</sup>For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup>For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.

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<sup>25</sup>But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

—James 1:22-25 ESV

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## Giving

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<sup>15</sup>And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only... <sup>18</sup>I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. —Philippians 4:15, 18 ESV

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God does not need our gifts to accomplish His purposes, but we need to give out of love for God to keep our own lives properly aligned in the correct order:  
God > Others > Me

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Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. —Romans 12:1

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“Salvation is free but discipleship costs everything we have.”  
—Billy Graham

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“We are not cisterns made for hoarding;  
we are channels made for sharing.”  
—Billy Graham

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## Greeting

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Our aim as the body of Christ isn't to just make people feel welcome; we are to make them feel wanted. It is not enough to say, “We are happy you are here.” We need to let them feel we will miss them if they are not here. That means we have to go beyond southern etiquette and instead, see every person as vital to our church, our lives, and our mission—to worship God.

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“The highest form of worship is the  
worship of unselfish Christian  
service. The greatest form of praise  
is the sound of consecrated feet  
seeking out the lost and helpless.”  
—Billy Graham

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