

If This Were My Last Sermon

(2 Timothy 4:6-8)

Introduction:

1. Have you ever thought of the last words that you would say to your family?
2. What would you say if you were to leave this Earth in the next few days?
3. If this were my last sermon I would encourage you to . . .

I. Gain as Much Knowledge as You Can

- A. The world is lacking in Biblical knowledge.
 1. When the church lacks Biblical knowledge, the world will lack Biblical knowledge.
 2. Our lights will shine only as bright as our knowledge allows. (Matthew 5:14-16; Philippians 2:14-15)
- B. Is knowledge attainable?
 1. God has given us "all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue." (2 Peter 1:3)
 2. God's word allows us to gain more knowledge. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
 3. Your attitude will determine your quest for knowledge. (Acts 17:22-34)
- C. (Hosea 4:6)

II. Make Your Life a Faithful Life

- A. When faithfulness is a priority, God will be the priority. (Matthew 6:33)
- B. Faith is defined in Hebrews 11:1, 6.
- C. A faithful life will be a life of service.
- D. A life of faithfulness is a life of walking in the light. (1 John 1:5-7)

III. Show Love

- A. (1 Corinthians 13:1-13)
 1. Love will prevail.
- B. Your love for the lost will help you to speak the truth in love. (Ephesians 4:15)
 1. Your love will bring compassion to those who hunger and thirst for knowledge. (Matthew 9:36-38)
- C. Your love for the church will help you speak the truth in love to the brethren (Ephesians 4:15)
 1. (1 Peter 3:8; 1 John 4:7-21)
 2. When brethren err, you will love them enough to show them the way of righteousness.

IV. Obey

- A. Obey God. (Acts 5:29)
 1. Stephen gave a great lesson on those who do not obey (Acts 7:2-53)
- B. Heaven is reserved for those who obey God.
 1. Flaming fire is prepared for those who do not obey God. (2 Thessalonians 1:8)

Conclusion:

1. If your life would end today, would you be there?
2. If this were my last sermon, I would love it to end by saying, "Be there!"