

# Make Church a Part of Your Life

## WEEKLY SERMONETTE



### “The Word” -Intrigue Them with the Word of God

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Literally thousands are searching outside of their local churches to find answers about today's issues. Most in this country assume that the Bible is irrelevant for today. Many self-appointed ministries use enough Scripture in their writings to appear religious, but fail in the art of exegesis of Scripture. Exegesis means "exposition or explanation," therefore Biblical exegesis involves the examination of a particular text of Scripture in order to properly interpret it. Exegesis is a part of the process of hermeneutics, the science of interpretation. A person who practices exegesis is called an exegete.

Good Biblical Exegesis is actually commanded in Scripture. 2 Timothy 2:15 says, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." Those who are called to "Preach the Word" are also commanded to give careful instructions. (2 Timothy 4:2) We are given this promise in Scripture, "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12) We are told in the Old Testament, "so

is My word that goes out from My mouth: It will not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11) Matthew Henry wrote, "That according to the different errands on which the word is sent it will have its different effects. If it be not a savour of life unto life, it will be a savour of death unto death; if it

does not convince the conscience and soften the heart, it will sear the conscience and harden the heart; if it does not ripen for heaven, it will ripen for hell."

With such a command to preach the Word and considering the awesome promise of God, why wouldn't any Bible teacher want to diligently search the Scripture and inform people what God has

to say about today's issues? People want more than the usual Sunday morning message; they want to be prepared by Christ-appointed preachers (Ephesians 4:11) to teach others what the Bible says about modern issues, such as the 2nd Amendment, fiscal issues, Biblical marriage, work ethics to name a few. Whether it is propeller or not (2 Timothy 4:2) preachers have the responsibility to lead people to the written Word. Preachers will one day give an accounting on how well they gave careful instructions (2 Timothy 4:2) about the issues people face as they live in this sin-cursed world.

Religious slogans cannot feed the human soul; Jesus said, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Are you diligently searching the Scriptures, learning what God's Word has to say about the hot issues of the day? Christians want to know what He has to say about the presidency, the armed forces, paying taxes, as well as living in these days! Pastors, ministries, Bible teachers and all soldiers of Christ must work hard to intrigue others to consider God's perspective on the issues people face.

*Always There*

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**Weekly Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 43:1-28	Isaiah 44:1-28	Isaiah 45:1-25	Isaiah 48:1-22	Isaiah 49:1-26	Jeremiah 29:1-23	Jeremiah 30:1-24
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