

PREACH THE WORD

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EXERCISE

Build a list. How can a pastor know if he is falling to the temptation of seeking respectability or approval of the secular world?

Think of a leader who has altered or watered down or ignored certain things the scriptures say out of the desire for respectability. Which truths are evangelicals most tempted to alter, water down, or ignore in our current cultural context?

What are some ways you will insure that you include reproofing, rebuking, and exhorting in your teaching and preaching?

How will you reinforce the truth that you are not of this world – that you're in it, but not of it?

What most tempts you to be creative, savvy, and cool in your preaching and teaching rather than faithful, dependent, and fundamental?

How would you define the difference between growing a crowd building a church? What role does unapologetically preaching the truth of the Word play in building a church as opposed to growing a crowd?