



How to Listen to a Bad Sermon Part 1

Lesson 13

Is there such a thing as a bad sermon?

Yes, Virginia, there is such a thing as bad sermons! But how do you listen to them, or do you?

Those who truly know how to “hupakouw”, are able to listen to God speak through good sermons and through _____!

What Makes for a Good Sermon? 2 Timothy 3:15-17

A Good Sermon Is...

- 1) Bible- _____ “All Scripture is breathed out by God...” ESV
- 2) Soul- _____ “...and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness...” ESV
- 3) Life- _____ “...that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.” ESV

What Makes for Bad Sermons and How Should We Listen to Them?

1. _____ **Reasons for Bad Sermons:** *The sermon leaves a lot to be desired in style and presentation. Acts 20:7-12*

Some Practical Reasons for a Bad Sermon:

- 1) Too little _____ or too much.
- 2) Too much _____ or too little.
- 3) Too _____ or not enough.
- 4) Too _____ or not enough.
- 5) Too much _____ or not enough.
- 6) Too few _____ or too many.
- 7) Too much _____ or too little.
- 8) Too little _____ or too much.

How to Listen to a Sermon that is Bad for Practical Reasons:

- 1) Remember that you are expecting to hear from _____ and not just a man.
- 2) Don't let your personality or _____ or those of the speaker get in the way of hearing from God.
- 3) Release _____ expectations and _____ comparisons to other preachers and teachers.
- 4) _____ and then pray some more for your pastors as they preach and teach you God's Word! *Romans 15:30-31; Ephesians 6:18-20*
- 5) Fight the _____ of being caught in a bad sermon for practical reasons!
- 6) Be an _____ whenever you see progress in the preaching or teaching.

Don't Let a Bad Sermon Keep You from Hearing God Speak to Your Heart!

Seek to Hupakouw Even When You Hear an Occasional Bad Sermon!

NEXT WEEK: How to Listen to a Sermon that Is Bad for TEXTUAL or HERETICAL Reasons