

# Expositional Preaching

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## What are the Benefits of Expositional Preaching?

### The Benefits Package

#### Benefits for the Pastor

- Releases the pastor from Saturday Night Fever - the dreaded dilemma of what text to preach tomorrow morning.
- Increases the likelihood of the pastor preaching the whole counsel of God over time.
- Increases the pastor's command of the Word by forcing him to study difficult or often-neglected texts for himself.
- Increases the Word's command of the pastor by giving him a broader exposure to the probing sword of Scripture, deepening his continued repentance and faith, incrementally increasing his knowledge of God, and therefore enhancing his Spirit-produced ability to please God in every way (**Heb 11:6; Col 1:9-12**).
- Increases the pastor's God-given prophetic authority in the pulpit by grounding his preaching in the divinely intended meaning of the text.
- Increases the pastor's God-given blessing in the pulpit by remaining faithful to the intention of the One who sent him to preach a specific message.
- Increases the trustworthiness of the pastor's preaching in the eyes of the congregation.

#### Benefits for the Congregation

- The congregation is released from slavery to the preacher's hobbyhorse texts and topics.
- The applicational intention of the text is released to do its creating, convicting, converting, and conforming work in their lives.
- Increases their knowledge of God and His word by broadening their exposure to all the different parts of Scripture.
- Increases their trust in the inspiration, inerrancy, clarity, and sufficiency of Scripture.
- Increases their trust in the pastor's preaching and teaching.
- Decreases their likelihood of being deceived by false teaching.
- Functions for them as a responsible model of personal Bible study.