

Theme: God calls leaders to a godly life and faithfulness to Scripture, and promises a fruitful ministry if they do this.

## I. Intro – Special Times

- A. Today is Palm Sunday
- B. The triumphal entry was not just another day
- C. Today Garey will be ordained
- D. This is a special day for him and us
- E. I will speak of the call and promise of eldership
- F. By call I do not mean subjective call
- G. Responsibilities and promises

## II. The Call of Church Leadership

- A. Paul is giving Timothy his call as a leader
  - 1. He must watch his life
  - 2. He must watch his doctrine
  - 3. He must persevere in these always
- B. The call to a godly life
  - 1. Scripture - v12,16; Ezra 7:10; 1 Pet 5:3; equals
  - 2. Reasons this is important
    - a. We must practice what we believe & teach
    - b. We must persevere in our own sanctification
    - c. We must “incarnate” the Word

## 3. Areas of life to consider

- a. Personal character (v12)
- b. Family (1 Tim 3:4-5)
- c. Servanthood (1 Pet 5:2-3)

## C. The call to be a man of the Word

- 1. Scripture - v13, 16; 2 Tim 4:1-4; Ez 7:10
- 2. This is essential
  - a. Personal feeding - you need it!
  - b. To guide your personal life and thought
  - c. To feed the flock - start w/ family!!
  - d. Understand and teach sound doctrine
  - e. To correct, rebuke, encourage flock
- 3. The goal - and method - point to Christ
  - a. Preach Christ - not self (2 Cor 4:5)
  - b. This is our goal - we bring people to Him
  - c. Controls method - preach Him - not us

## III. God’s Promise to Us

- A. God promises to save you & hearers (v16)
  - 1. A promise for fruitful ministry
  - 2. This is because of power of Word

3. The example of a godly life powerful

B. The power of this promise

1. This can sustain you through labor
2. This can sustain you through trial
3. Can sustain through discouragement
4. But we must follow call - life & Word

**IV. Applying the Word - Ordination  
Covenant Ceremony**

The Call and Promise of Church Leadership

1 Timothy 4:15-16  
Luke 19:28-40  
April 5, 2009  
Ordination ceremony  
Garey Walker

10 For Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the LORD, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel. Ezra 7:10

3 not lording it over those entrusted to you, but **being examples to the flock**.  
1 Peter 5:3

4 He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. 5 (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) 1 Timothy 3:4-5

2 Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers-- not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, **but eager to serve; 3 not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock**. 1 Peter 5:2-3

1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: **2 Preach the Word**; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage-- **with great patience and careful instruction**. 3 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. 2 Tim 4:1-4

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5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.. 2 Corinthians 4:5