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## **WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS**

*Pronounced "Soul"*

**June 23, 2014**

## **Speaking God's Word**

**1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5 NKJV** – (1) And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. (2) For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. (3) I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. (4) And my speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, (5) that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

While many fine preachers, no doubt, could be celebrated in the legacy of "tethered preaching," *The Bible* leads us to reality. We are not free to think and speak whatever might enter our minds or what might be pleasing to any given audience—except God.

We find God's people leaving the church and not learning anything from the message. They will tell you that the preacher had a word today, but they can very seldom tell you the intent of God's message. This is a sad place.

Those that experience a Bible-oriented preacher, leave church with a sense that the Bible is supremely authoritative and important and wonderfully good news. They feel less entertained than struck at the greatness of God and the weighty power of His word.

Avoid the trap of thinking, "He's just jealous because he can't whoop!" That is not Christ's call for His messengers. Paul didn't whoop! Jesus didn't whoop! His message is divine and it must be heard in clarity and with severity! There is nothing wrong with having passion and wisdom when speaking God's word; most important is that God is behind a preacher's passion and wisdom.

### **SCRIPTURE READING** – JOHN 1:1-3

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK** - "A man who first tried to guess 'what the public wants,' and then preached that as Christianity because the public wants it, would be a pretty mixture of fool and knave"