



Sermon Secularization

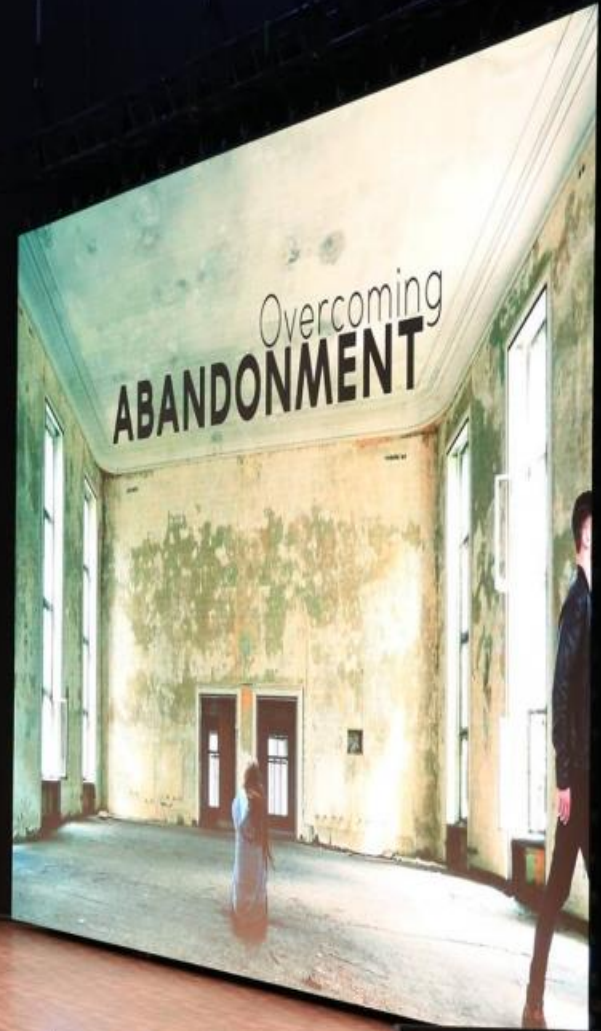
2 Tim. 4:3-5

Types of Sermons...

- ✓ Textual sermons - a sermon in which the main points come from the text.
- ✓ Expository sermons - a sermon in which the major and minor points come from the text.
- ✓ Topical sermons - a sermon in which the main points come from a topic.

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truth 4:3a,b

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- ✓ The future, 3a
- ✓ Healthy, 3b

The picture Paul gives is of weak believers who, unwilling to break free from the old life and give themselves fully to the new, grew dissatisfied and curious *for a “spiritual” answer that is more convenient.*

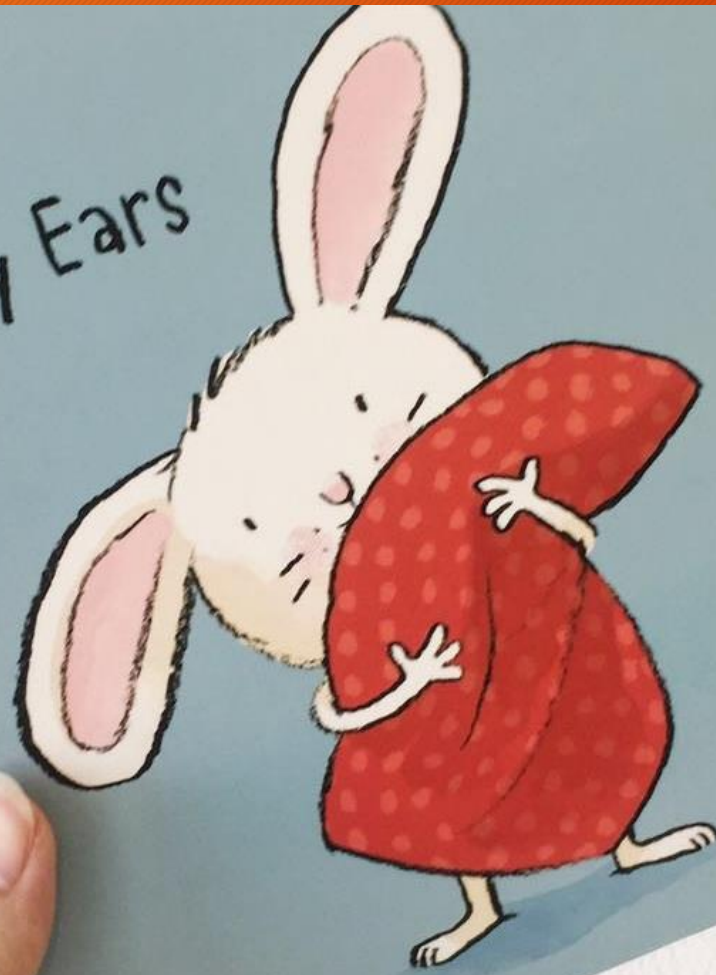
Philip Towner, 12 Timothy & Titus, vol. 14, The IVP New Testament Commentary Series (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1994), 2 Ti 4:3.

and will turn to men
pleasures — 4:3c-4

✓ The problem, ^{3c}

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- ✓ The problem, ^{3c}
- ✓ The path, ⁴



“Instead of being in correct adjustment to the truth, namely, that of seeking it for the purpose of appropriating it, these people have put themselves out of adjustment and have been consequently wrenched out of place. They have become dislocated, put out of joint.”

Kenneth S. Wuest, *Wuests Word Studies from the Greek New Testament: For the English Reader* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1997), 2 Ti 4:4.

but you serve the Lord! 4:5

✓ Alertness, 5a



Timothy, and all Christians, must think correctly and critically, holding firm to the unshakable truth of God's Word and the apostolic teachings.

Knute Larson, I & II Thessalonians, I & II Timothy, Titus, Philemon, vol. 9, Holman New Testament Commentary (Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2000), 320.

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- ✓ Alertness, 5a
- ✓ Ministry, 5b

Ministry...

- ✓ Endure suffering - hardship and distress.
- ✓ Evangelize - use opportunities to share the gospel.
- ✓ Fulfill ministry - accomplish the task God has given you!



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