



The Dead Man 2

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2Tim. 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

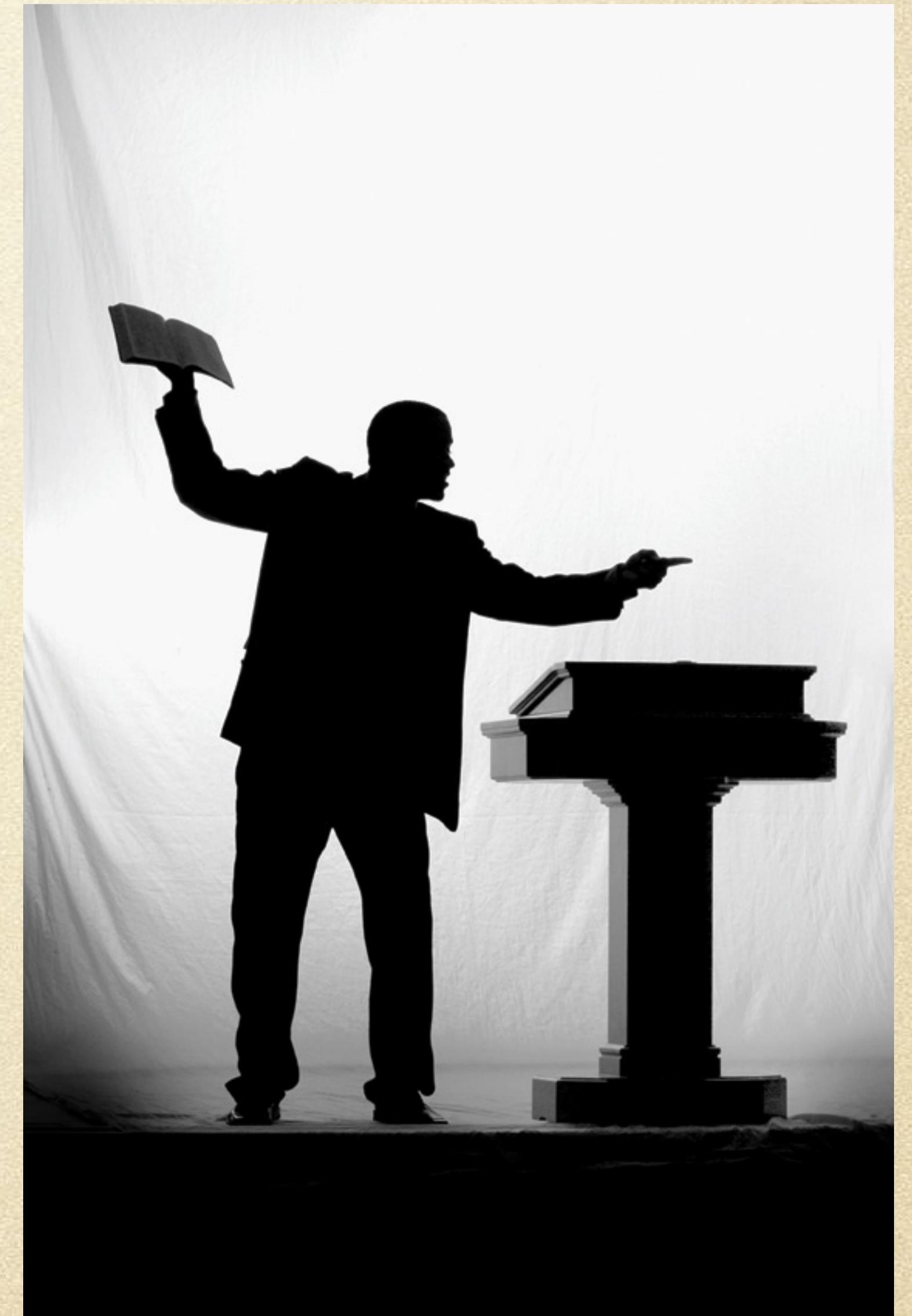
2Tim. 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

2Tim. 4:4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

2Tim. 4:5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

Preaching the gospel keeps the dead man in check.

- When pastors preach the high standard of God's Word, the congregants are challenged to live holy lives. *Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*
- The order of the pastor's home must be properly aligned for God's Word to be accepted first by his own family, only then will it be effective within the church family. *1Tim. 3:4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;*
- Where there is no standard there will be lawlessness and no examples of what is being professed. So many pastors attempt to pastor their church better than they do their own home. This practice is not a part of God's plan. *1Tim. 3:5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.*



Being challenged by strong believers keeps it in check.

- When the standard of holiness is preached and exemplified, the church body will latch on and mature in the faith. They grow from repentance of dead works to challenging principalities and rulers of darkness. *Heb. 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,*
- As the fellowship of believers matures, people can be held accountable, not only by the Word but by those that are doers of it. *James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*
- When we surround ourselves with the challenges that strong believers bring, we are sharpened and conditioned to keep the old man at bay. *Rom. 15:1 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.*



Prayer and fasting keeps our flesh under control.

- As we mature as a body of believers, we begin to desire growth and become determined to put the old ways to death. We are inspired by the testimonies of others and this makes us grow past childish ways. *Eph. 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;*
- Our prayer life grows because we learn that praying in secret produces spiritual growth that is openly visible. So, we pray and seek God to keep our dead man in the grave. *Matt. 6:6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.*
- Fasting puts our bodies under our power so that we can yield to God's power. When we grow fleshly in our desires, as mature believers, we know how to put ourselves under subjection to God and stay in His will. *1Cor. 9:27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.*



The main reason so many believers today struggle with sin is because there is a lack of pastors that will stand up to it and challenge the people to abstain from it. The reason for this is because the homes of so many leaders are plagued with sinfulness and because the order of the home is subverted, sin cannot be challenged. When wives are the spiritual leaders or the dominant figures over the husband, sin will always reign. The children will rebel because the woman is out of order. When a man cannot lead his wife, he will fail at leading his children. This disorder will overflow into the ministry as well. When he cannot lead his family, he cannot lead the church. The Bible makes this a clear requirement for pastoring. There are so many pastors that are self-appointed, denomination-appointed, or just wanted to do it because they saw others do it. But because they lack the proper order in their homes, they will subvert households and ruin the order of God in the lives of their congregants.

This is why the church today is in such utter disarray. Leaders that cannot even lead their homes are trying to pastor the church. Because of this, the dead man never dies and the people always struggle with sin. They come to church to fill a quota or get a spiritual fix, but they can never effectively apply it to their homes because it is not applied to the homes of their leaders. In order to keep the dead man DEAD, the gospel against the dead man must be highlighted by the church leadership. When the standard of holiness is raised, people are convicted and sorrowful for bad behaviors. This opens the door for holy living and God's plan for us all.

1Pet. 4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

1Pet. 4:2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

1Pet. 4:3 For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

1Pet. 4:4 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

1Pet. 4:5 Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

1Pet. 4:6 For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.