

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. CHRIST'S APOSTLES UNDERSTOOD THE HEART OF THEIR MINISTRY (6:1-4).
2. SHEPHERDS AFTER GOD'S HEART ARE DEVOTED TO PRAYER (6:4).
3. SHEPHERDS AFTER GOD'S HEART ARE DEVOTED TO PREACHING GOD'S WORD (6:4).

**(1) What is preaching?**

**(2) Four Greek words helps us understand preaching.** 1. The Greek word translated *preaching* is *kēryssō* = to proclaim; 2. *Shewing the glad tidings* is the Greek word *euangelizō* = to proclaim the good news. 3. *bear witness* is the Greek *martyreō*, which means "to confirm something on the basis of personal knowledge." 4. *teaching* is from the Greek *didaskō*, which means "to provide instruction in a formal or informal setting."

**(3) Four characteristics help us define NT preaching.** 1) It is a proclamation of God's word, and especially the gospel of Jesus Christ; 2) It is carried out by recognized leaders with a commission to preach; 3) It is an authoritative proclamation; and 4) It is carried out in a public context.<sup>1</sup>

**(4) What is the difference between preaching and teaching?**

**(5) Pastors according to God's heart must preach for the *conversion* of sinners and the *sanctification* of the saved.**

**(6) Pastors according to God's heart *must have unction*.**

**CONCLUSION:**

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<sup>1</sup> Ibid., 121.