

in the Bible Institute they had leaders from denominations speak, and one man came and said, Some people in my church came to me and said we wish you'd preach about doctrine. Preach a doctrinal sermon. You give us these beautiful talks and we love to hear about Ireland in recent years, etc. but we'd like something to believe. We wish you'd preach some doctrine." He said, You mean empty my church? in my church. Why should I give doctrinal sermons? The man said, Try them. He said, You know I gave a doctrinal sermon and I had a bigger crowd than I'd ever had before. I found doctrinal sermons bring the people; they don't drive them away. So he gave doctrinal sermons. But that's not the way to decide what sermons to give.

God has given us principles and he wants us to drive them home. He doesn't want us to fight about the kind of hair people have, how long their hair is, what the color of their beard is or what MSS of the Bible to use or many things Fundamentalists divide over. He wants us to preach the Gospel. He wants us to run so as to obtain. He wants us to be slaves to all men so that by all means we may win some, and keep our eyes on the goal which is to win souls to Christ and teach them how to grow in grace. Sometimes I wonder if a sermon is really a Christian sermon if somewhere in that sermon it does not bring out the way of salvation. God has called us to preach the Gospel. There are many other things that are important and good to bring in but I mentioned this man who heard the preacher preach 8 times before he caught on to the fact that the grace of God is free and that Satan wants to keep us from realizing that. Though I