THE WORK OF PREACHING

For a little while I have been reflecting on the work of preaching and the preacher. Tonight I would like to consider three New Testament passages on this topic as illustrated by the apostle Paul.

1. 2 Timothy 4:1-6.
   a. The method and motivation (4:1-2)
   b. The perseverance (4:5)
   c. The reward (4:6-8)

2. Colossians 1:24-29
   a. The willingness to suffer (1:24)
   b. The willingness to serve according to God’s purpose (1:25-27)
   c. The willingness to educate the church (1:28)
   d. The willingness to work (1:29)

3. Acts 18
   a. Taking the name of Jesus into harm’s way (18:5-6)
   b. Taking the name of Jesus and warning man (18:6)
   c. Not casting your pearls before swine (18:6)

4. Encouragement.
   a. How does God’s preacher receive comfort when the trials are hard?
   b. Note the Lord’s encouragement of Paul at he worked in Corinth (Acts 18:9-11).
   c. Paul took this encouragement and this helped him help others as he wrote to the Corinthians in his second epistle (2 Corinthians 1:3-14).