

# The Whole Counsel of God

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**“I feel like I haven’t preached the whole Gospel. And I repent. I repent. You have no idea... I believe that when I preach that the blood of people is on my hands!”**

According to an article I happened upon in christianpost.com, these powerful words were uttered just a few short weeks ago by Todd White, a Texas-based evangelist and pastor with a reputation for preaching the prosperity gospel. While I clearly do not endorse this man and his ministry, I also don’t hesitate to say that I hope his recent confession was genuine. Our God is never fooled and time will tell if he truly believes the words he said.



If he does, it wouldn’t be the first time God radically transformed someone’s life and caused his message to change from part to whole. Just ask the Apostle Paul. His journey from persecutor of Christians to proclaimer of Christ is well documented in Scripture and toward the very end of his ministry, he called for the Ephesian elders and declared in a moment of reflection upon his life and ministry

***Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:26-27).***

I love this declaration! In his twilight years the Apostle Paul, himself, found great comfort in knowing he faithfully declared not *part* of God’s Word to all men, but *all* of it. Declaring the whole counsel of God required Paul to be faithful not only to proclaiming the popular portions of Scripture, but also the unpopular. In the end, his teaching addressed everything necessary for his hearers to understand salvation in all its fullness, know the will of God, truly live for Jesus and more.

Although none of us are apostles today in the same sense Paul was, every one of us has the privilege and responsibility of declaring the good news. Are you walking in obedience to God be sharing the gospel? If not, why not? And if so, are there any portions you feel tempted to avoid? How should Paul’s words in Acts 20:26-27 encourage you when sharing or obeying God’s word? Take a moment to reflect, pray and ask God to help you apply this Scripture to your life.