



# **Vital Signs**

**Core Traits of  
a Healthy Church**

# Expositional Preaching

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**“Expositional preaching is preaching which takes for the main point of a sermon the point of a particular passage of Scripture”**

**Mark Dever**



**How sweet are your words to my  
taste, sweeter than honey to my  
mouth! Through your precepts I get  
understanding; therefore I hate  
every false way.”**

**Psalm 119:103-104**

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**For Ezra had set his heart to study  
the Law of the Lord, and to do it and  
to teach his statutes and rules in  
Israel.**

**Ezra 7:10**

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**#3 The RESPONSE: We must accept the Word of God.**

***“you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God”***

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# **BIG IDEA**

**Healthy churches grow strong  
when they are nourished by the  
faithful exposition of God's Word.**

# **NEXT STEP**

**How has God used faithful  
preaching to grow your faith?**