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- The preacher can ruin his own sermon by:
 - Lack of preparation. 2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Tim. 4:13, 15
 - A life that does not match the preaching.
 Rom. 2:21-24
 - Not knowing the needs of the brethren. Acts 20:20
 - Being afraid of speaking the truth.
 Eph. 6:18-20; John 8:32; Rom. 1:16-17
 - * A non-Christian attitude. Matt. 10:16

- Christians can ruin a sermon by:
 - Making a habit of not attending.
 Heb. 10:23-25
 - Not making an application of the lesson.
 Phil. 1:27; 3 John 3-4; Titus 1:15-16; Ps. 1:1-3
 - A noisy audience.
 Hab. 2:20; Acts 10:33; Luke 8:18

- The non-Christian can ruin a sermon by:
 - Only wanting to contradict.
 Acts 6:8-14; 13:6-8, 45
 - Hearing with no intention to listen.
 Luke 8:12-14
 - Failure to take advantage of the opportunity to obey the gospel. *Acts* 24:24-27; 26:24-28

