

What Preachers Wish The Church Knew About Preachers

(2 Timothy 4:1-5)

- Introduction:
1. Understanding is the key to unity, and unity is the key to growth.
 2. (Matthew 12:25).
 3. (Genesis 11:6).
 4. Let's examine a few matters regarding the work of a preacher.

I. Understand That The Work Of A Preacher Is Preaching

- A. Sounds rather fundamental, but it needs to be said.
- B. Think of the extra-biblical expectations put on preachers today.
- C. Work can be summarized in 2 Timothy 4.
 1. Preach the Word (v. 2) [Content].
 2. Be faithful in and out of season (v. 2) [Constance].
 3. Reprove, rebuke, and exhort (v. 2) [Balance].
 4. Don't compromise (vs. 3-4) [Virtue].
 5. Be watchful (v. 5) [Informed].
 6. Endure hardship (v. 5) [Persevere].
 7. Do the work of an evangelist (v. 5) [Preach].
 8. Fulfill your ministry (v. 5) [Leave nothing undone].
- D. In order to accomplish this, much time is needed in study and preparation.
- E. (Acts 6) When doing a "good" thing is wrong.

II. Understand That Preachers Aren't Perfect

- A. (Romans 3:9-10, 23).
- B. Preachers need patience, gentleness, and forgiveness as much as anyone else does.
- C. (1 Corinthians 13:7) Love bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things.

III. Understand That Preachers Need Directions

- A. This is especially true when it comes to visitation.
- B. Expectations will be met if we know what the expectations are.
- C. (1 Corinthians 2:11).

IV. Understand That A Preacher's Salary Is Wages Earned, Not Charity

- A. (1 Corinthians 9:7-14).
- B. We seek respect for the work, not for our own egos, but for the good of the church.

V. Understand That A Preacher's Job Is Proclaiming The Gospel, Not Enforcing It

- A. The measure of a good preacher is not how many people respond or how much growth takes place, but whether he has been faithful to proclaim the truth.
- B. Sometimes a preacher will hear the accusation, "You need to do something about him or her."
- C. When discipline is necessary, it is something the elders lead the church in (1 Cor. 5).

- Conclusion:
1. Brethren, if we will all do what we are supposed to do, respect each other's roles, work together, who or what can stop us?