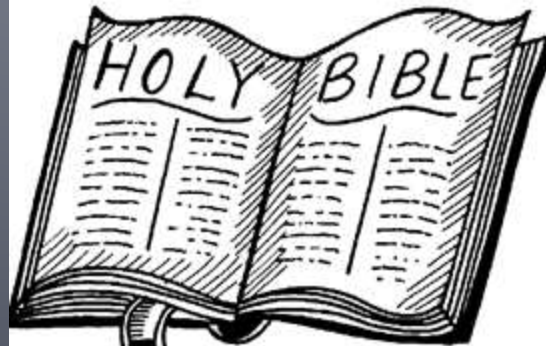


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View of A Gospel Preacher

■ Gods View

- **Romans 10:15**, *“How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”*

■ Church's Typical View

- *Married, 32 yrs. old*
- *Wife, w/teaching degree, & stay at home mom*
- *High school sweethearts*
- *3 children, 2 girls/1 boy*
- *Never divorced*
- *Preach. School grad.*
- *20 yrs. experience*
- *3 yrs. Missionary work*
- *Dynamic speaker*
- *Outstanding teacher*
- *Great personality*
- *Solo on evangelism*
- *Annual salary \$20K*

Expectations?

- What should he look like, act like, talk like, and live like?
- How would you describe his work?
- How should he spend his time?



God's Preacher Is Not...

- A puppet, pawn, figurehead.
- A taxi cab driver, banker, or computer tech.
- A politician, policeman, or disciplinarian.
- A public relations man, or bail bondsman.
- A pastor, elder, deacon, high priest, holy man, or shaman w/magical powers, etc.
- Perfect, sinless, to be placed on a pedestal
- All knowing or able to jump tall buildings in a single bound.



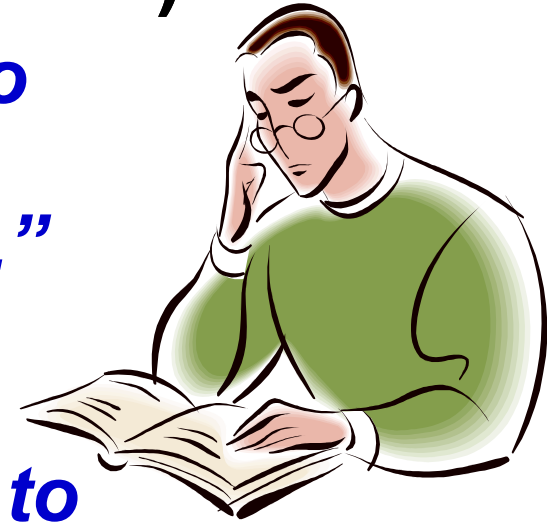
God's Preacher Is To Be...

- An evangelist, minister, preacher of God's word.
 - **1 Peter 4:11**, *"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever."*
 - **2 Timothy 4:2**, *"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."*



God's Preacher Is To Be...

- An example to believers. (everyone)
 - **1 Timothy 4:12**, “be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.”
- A student of His Word.
 - **1 Timothy 4:13**, “give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.”
 - **1 Timothy 4:15-16**, “Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them;... Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.”



God's Preacher Is To Be...

- A teacher and trainer of His Word.
 - **2 Timothy 2:2**, *“the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others”*
- A servant of Christ and of his fellow man.
 - **2 Timothy 2:24**, *“servant of the Lord”*
 - **Acts 21:8**, *“Paul’s company...came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him.”*



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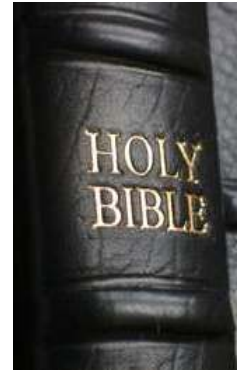
- A pursuer of His will.
 - **1 Timothy 6:11**, *“follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness”*
- A soldier in His Army.
 - **1 Timothy 6:12**, *“Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life”*
 - **2 Timothy 1:13**, *“Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus”*
 - **2 Timothy 2:3**, *“endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.”*



God's Preacher Is To Be...

- An athlete following God's rules.

- **2 Timothy 2:5**, *“if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules”*



- A farmer working & partaking of his crops.

- **2 Timothy 2:6**, *“The hard working farmer must be first to partake of his crops”*

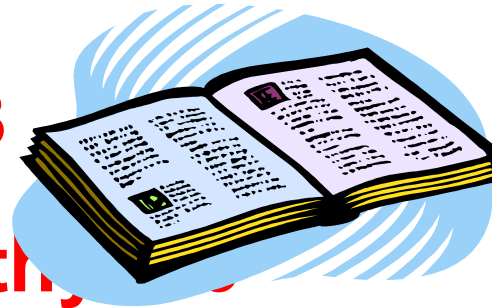


- A watcher in all things (**2 Timothy 4:5**).

- **2 Timothy 4:3-4**, *“the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine...turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned to fables.”*

God's Preacher Is To Be...

- An avoider of strife, **2 Timothy 2:23**
- A reminder to the brethren, **1 Timothy 2:1**
- An encourager to the local church, **Titus 1:5**
- A bearer of great trust, **James 3:1**
- An avoider of worldly snares, **2 Timothy 2:4**
- One who understands his enemy, **2 Cor. 2:11**
- A follower of righteousness, faith, charity, peace, **2 Timothy 2:22**



God's Preacher is to Be...

- Servant of the Lord w/ a pure heart, gentle, apt to teach, patient, meek, **2 Timothy 2:26**
- Prayerful, **Acts 6:4**
- Impartial, **1 Timothy 4:5**
- Courageous, **Acts 20:22-24**
- Industrious, **2 Corinthians 10:12**
- Temperate, **1 Corinthians 9:25-27**
- Perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works, **2 Tim. 3:17**

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