



# Preacher/Church Relationship

*Revelation 2:4-5*



# A Preacher's Work is Important

- **Romans 1:16**, *"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."*
- **Romans 10:14-15**, *"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things."*

# Primary Purpose of a Preacher

- **2 Timothy 4:1-4**, *“I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables”*

# Other Works of a Preacher

- Seek the lost, **Matthew 28:19-20**
- Teacher/Trainer, **2 Timothy 2:2**
- Student of the Word, **2 Timothy 2:15**
- Communicator, **1 Timothy 6:18**
- Avoider of strife & gossip, **1 Timothy 6:20**
- Build up the local church, **Titus 1:5**
- Exhort & Rebuke, **Titus 2:15; Titus 1:10-13**
- Fight the good fight, **2 Timothy 2:7**
- Servant of the Lord, **2 Timothy 2:24**

# The Preacher's True Judgment

- **Galatians 1:10**, *“For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.”*
- **Galatians 4:16**, *“Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?”*
- **Romans 1:16**, *“...I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”*
- **2 Timothy 4:5**, *“...do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.”*

# A Preacher Can Cause Great Harm

- **2 John 10-11**, *“If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.”*
- **Galatians 1:9**, *“As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.”*
- **Philippians 1:15**, *“Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will”*

# A Preacher's Burden Is Heavy

- **Must do his job well**
  - **2 Timothy 2:14**, “Of these things *put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers.*”
- **Must see fruit in the lives of others**
  - **3 John 2-4**, “*I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.*”

# Church's Expectations of a Preacher

- **No more or less than the Lord**

- **1 Corinthians 4:1-4**, “Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man’s judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord.”

**Why hire a preacher?**

# Church's Expectations of a Preacher

- **To preach God's Word plainly & boldly**
  - **1 Timothy 4:16**, *“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.”*
- **REMEMBER: Goal of a gospel preacher**
  - **2 Timothy 4:2**, *“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.”*

# Church's Expectations of a Preacher

- **To live a Christian life & be an example**

- **1 Timothy 4:12-13**, *“...be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.”*

- **1 Timothy 4:16**, *“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.”*

# Church's Expectations of a Preacher

- **To love the Lord & love the Truth**

– **1 Timothy 6:3-5**, *“If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.”*

# Church's Expectations of a Preacher

- **To love souls of others as much his own**
  - **Philippians 2:17-20**, *“Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all. For the same cause also do ye joy, and rejoice with me. But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state. For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state.”*

# Preacher's Expectations of the Church

- **To be faithful to the Lord**

- **Matthew 25:23**, “*Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.*”

- **Colossians 1:2**, “*To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*”

- **Revelation 2:10**, “*faithful until death*”

# Preacher's Expectations of the Church

- Stand strong when conflict comes

**(AND IT WILL COME)**

- **2 Timothy 4:16-17**, *“At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge. Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.”*
- **Galatians 6:2**, *“Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.”*

# Preacher's Expectations of the Church

- **Support and encourage the work**

- **2 Corinthians 11:8-9**, *“I robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to do you service. And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia supplied: and in all things I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and so will I keep myself.”*

- **Luke 10:7**, *“the labourer is worthy of his hire”*

# Preacher's Expectations of the Church

- **Protection against carnal attacks and idle gossip from the weak**
  - **Titus 1:10-11**, *“For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre’s sake.”*
  - **2 Timothy 4:14**, *“Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works”*

# Conclusion of The Whole Matter

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- **Revelation 2:4-5**, *“Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.”*



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