

# The Work and Qualifications of Preachers

- The preacher's work and qualifications are often misunderstood today
- The Bible gives a very clear job description for the work of a preacher
- Let's not expect more or less of a preacher than what God expects
- Most of these apply to all Christians

# Preach and Teach the Word

- Preach, teach, exhort, and rebuke boldly
- Hold firm to sound doctrine
- Reject and refute false and foolish teaching
- Evangelize and teach the lost
- 1 Timothy 1:3-7, 18-19; 4:6-7, 11; 6:2, 20-21
- 2 Timothy 1:13; 2:14-16, 23-25; 4:1-5
- Titus 1:13-14; 2:1, 15; 3:9-10

# Set an Example

- Practice what you preach
- In word, conduct, love, spirit, faith, purity
  - 1 Timothy 4:12; Titus 2:7-8
- Flee temptations and pursue goodness
  - 1 Timothy 6:11

# Prepare

- Read, meditate, learn the doctrine
  - 1 Timothy 4:13-16
- Develop genuine faith
  - 2 Timothy 1:5
- Continue to grow
  - 2 Timothy 3:14

# Work Well with Others

- Respect all ages
- Respect the authority of the congregational shepherds
- Do not show prejudice or partiality
  - 1 Timothy 5:1-2,19-21
- Develop teamwork with other church leaders and workers to edify the church
  - Ephesians 4:11-12

# Train and Mentor Others

- Develop others to become teachers and leaders
- Leave a legacy behind of others who will continue your good work
  - 2 Timothy 2:2
- Help organize the church
  - Titus 1:5

# Support Your Preacher

- Do not elevate them
  - Acts 14:11-18; Matthew 23:5-12; Psalm 111:9
- Do not degrade them
  - 1 Timothy 4:12; Romans 10:15
- Provide support for their good work
  - 1 Corinthians 9:1-4; 2 Cor. 11:8-9; Galatians 6:6; Philippians 4:16-18
- Pray      2 Thessalonians 3:1-2

# Remember the Purpose

- Preach the gospel because it is the power of God to salvation
  - Romans 1:15-16
- Jesus gave this commission to the first preachers in His church and it has not changed
  - Matthew 28:19-20