

The Fruitless Pastor

There are four categories of pastors who cannot lead their congregation to spiritual maturity:

- The Cosmic Pastor - who is distracted by works, crusades, social action, and being moral. Such a pastor is generally arrogant and involved in self-righteousness. He may be born again or never born again who verbally claimed his sincere love for God. This pastor is a servant of Satan rather than of God.
- The Celebrity Pastor – who is more of an actor and politician preaching divine establishment principles and satanic policies of human good works. He pushes multiple church programs and activities at the same time. This pastor is building his own kingdom and financial empire.
- Immature Pastor - this is the pastor who never learned Bible doctrine hence spends most of his time in the cosmic system. And though he does evangelize his congregation weekly, he can never take them on to spiritual growth. He spends his time lecturing on morality and high profiling his own personality.
- The Adolescent Pastor - who has some truth of Bible doctrine but is distracted by various forms of high profile temptations. The truth he has is buried in arrogance and he is ambitious for approbation. This type of pastor can also be emotional which appeals to those who want something to do once a week to appease their own conscience.

The gift of pastor-teacher holds a three-fold purpose:

- For the equipping of the royal family of God for spiritual combat.
- For the vocation of the ministry, that is, the training of future pastors.
- For the edification of the body of Christ, that is, to teach, study, discipline (publicly), reprimand (privately), and encourage by steadfastness and doctrine.

The Pastor cannot live beyond the content of what he thinks and cannot think beyond the content of what he has received. He cannot receive if he is never in a position to hear the Word of God (Romans 10:17). The same is true for each believer.

No man can ever fulfill his primary mission of teaching the mystery doctrine of the Church age apart from several factors:

- The possession of the spiritual gift of pastor-teacher. This needs to be stated since there are many men (and women) who stand behind the pulpit who simply do not have the spiritual gift of pastor-teacher. Some erroneously think they have the gift; some do not and are mere opportunists.
- The proper preparation is also required for the spiritual gift of pastor-teacher to function properly.
- The proper recognition of the spiritual gift is also needed
- Intensive training which is designed so the pastor can use the original languages and dig out things for himself daily. This requires that the pastor spend the majority of his time in studying and teaching the word of God.

The three greatest gifts God has given to man are as follows:

- The greatest grace gift of all, salvation from the Lord Jesus Christ which offers all men eternal life.
- The second greatest grace gift after salvation is finding your right pastor teacher who can teach Bible doctrine and the mechanics of predestination leading the way to spiritual happiness.
- The third greatest grace gift is to find your right man/right woman, the ultimate in human happiness.

After salvation the most important thing the believer can do is identify his right pastor-teacher and submit to his teachings, daily inculcating his system of thinking (Romans 12:2).

1Timothy 2:4 gives us insight into God's two-fold will for mankind. The first half of His desire is that all men be saved through belief in His Son, Jesus Christ. The second half of His will is that all believers come to know the truth of His word. Now, we know that not all men become saved and not all believers grow in God's grace and knowledge.

In order to fulfill the second half of God's will the believer must be taught by the pastor assigned to him and whom he has been assigned to.

The preaching of the false ministers consists merely of self-exaltation, self-glorification and self-justification:

- False ministers are preaching themselves not the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 4:5).
- They promote, exact, glorify and always calling attention to themselves.
- They are spiritual exhibitionists preaching to please people while selling a false salvation.
- They are preaching not the crucified, raised, and reigning Christ (Gal. 3:1) but what the people want to hear.
- They are preaching distorted, hazy and vague salvation plan and the only thing people can understand are his boasting, heresies, and great lies assumed as truth of God's Word.

The false practices of false ministers:

- They practice false and devious miracles
- They practice false signs and wonders
- They practice fake miracles
- They practice demonic activity
- They display counterfeit gift healing
- They fallaciously casts out demons
- They ridiculously bark like dogs
- They dance in delusion
- They are slain by the evil spirit
- They fall backward and forward
- They use counterfeit spiritual gifts
- They make fake prophecies
- They interpret dreams
- They seen visions from anything
- They hear the voice of God

One of the big mistakes of the Christians today is their failure to appreciate the true pastors – teachers and avoid the false ministers of God. Believers are commanded to honor the true ministers, to support them and submit to their authority (which is the Word of God). The primary reason for appreciating and honoring them is the Bible doctrine they are communicating and sharing to the people. Their authority is based on Bible doctrine not on their pleasing personality and attention they give to their people (Heb. 13:7, 17).

It is basically the message (the Word of God in their souls) not the messenger; however the men with the Bible in the soul are most relaxed, sweet and easy people to be around unlike the legalistic, self-righteous false preachers of God.

There must also be the right congregation for the pastor-teacher. They too must recognize their place.

The false ministers and their false zeal (FZ) for God:

- FZ is a zeal for party spirit (group, association, church, click, denomination or society) that is engaged in promotion of their own program, goals, purpose, cause, activity or plan (Mt. 23:15)
- FZ is driven by greed and personal ambition.
- FZ for the love of men (like Jehu in 2 kings 10:16)
- FZ for monetary gains that will neglect everyone and everything just to conquer his objective.
- FZ for approbation and acceptance of others.
- FZ for personal honor and glory in the world.
- FZ against some issues, practices, beliefs, causes, activity or programs that are non-essentials.
- FZ for attainment of human prestige and glory.
- FZ filled with all gratification of human desires.
- FZ that delight in worldly pleasures and lusts.
- FZ in pretense of godliness doing the things of the devil all in the name of God.

The false ministers as false prophets:

- They claimed themselves prophets in the church who provide them with extra-biblical predictions beyond truth.
- They claimed that God spoke to them, gave them vision, dreams or revelation.
- They are foretelling future personal events not sanctioned by Bible doctrine.
- They deliver prophecy in the dispensation of the Church Age contrary to the manners and methods of God

Every Church age believer, under logistical grace, has his own right pastor to satisfy his need and desire for Bible doctrine. Wherever positive volition exists, God provides a communicator of Bible doctrine face to face or non-face to face. What should you look for in finding your right pastor-teacher?

One who is faithful in the communication of Bible doctrine, under the principle of line upon line, precept upon precept. And then on your part what is required is consistent daily exposure to his Bible teachings. Finding and sticking with your right pastor-teacher is of great importance since it is the basis for your spiritual walk.

The pastor is the herald of the king, one who announces the policy of the king, sometimes translated preacher, 1 Timothy 2:7; 2 Timothy 1:11; 2 Peter 2:5. But the Kings news, i.e., the word of God is not always sought after. Among the many generations that come and go there are few believers who are truly positive. Some generations may hold a larger or smaller percentage of positive believers, and it is the positive volition which counts.

All positive volition in a given generation will be honored by the logistical grace provision of a pastor-teacher to satisfy the desire of believers to know the will, purpose, and plan of God. Every segment of positive volition will have a prepared pastor to satisfy their need and longing to understand God, be it face to face or non-face to face. If any man is willing to do God's will he shall know the doctrine, John 7:17.

God always provides a pastor for positive volition. However, the greatest doctrinal message in the world from any pastor is no guarantee of spiritual growth; it is merely the first phase in bringing the believer up to the point of metabolized doctrine in the soul. Positive volition requires constant feeding, like a baby.

There is a great effort involved which is why the half-hearted and lazy fall by the way side. Jeremiah 29:13 tells us that only those who seek for God with all their heart will find Him. Proverbs 23:23 informs us that we can sell out on truth and understanding. God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, Eph 1:3, but it is up to us to recognize the provisions God has made and to become devoted to receiving and supporting that which God has provided.



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