

PREACHING IS NOT A JOB

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2nd Timothy 3:1-5

Preaching is **NOT** a job. It is a **CALLING**. A job is something you do for the purpose of money. A calling is a divine assignment you fulfill for the **PURPOSE** of King Jesus. People who are called to preach are chosen by God, not men.

Unfortunately in today's age a large number of preachers are being chosen by men. These types of preachers can articulate the Bible. They can entertain the crowd.

They can quote scripture. They can imitate the mechanics of church. However, they **CANNOT** manifest the power of God because they only have a **FORM** of godliness.

2nd Timothy 3:1-5 says, "But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people."

Preachers who cannot manifest the power of God fail to produce results in people's lives. They can speak hope. They can speak encouragement. They can motivate people. However, it is impossible for them to produce the the power of the Kingdom.

HERE'S WHAT I MEAN

- If you are sick does your preacher know how to manifest Kingdom healing?

- If you are broke does your preacher know how to give you access to the Kingdom economy?
- If you are worried does your preacher know how to manifest Kingdom peace?

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A JOB AND A CALLING

A job is what you're paid to do. A calling is what you're **MADE** to do. You can quit a job. You cannot quit a calling. You can change jobs. You cannot change a calling. You can choose a job. You cannot choose your calling. You can retire from a job. You cannot retire from a calling.

Unfortunately, some preachers are preaching the gospel like a job. Think about it. How many preachers have "quit preaching" because they're emotionally exhausted? Too many.

How many preachers have committed suicide because they've lost hope? Too many. It is sad to see someone walk away from the faith. However, the question must be asked. Were they part of the faith or were they imposters of the faith?

The great people of faith in the Bible went through hell and high water to walk in the purpose of God. They were imprisoned, beaten, stoned, murdered, etc. They suffered to the end because preaching was **NOT** a job. It was bigger than that. It was a calling.

People who are called to God's purpose do not sacrifice their lives for a paycheck. They sacrifice their lives for what they believe in. People like Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Gideon, David, Samuel and many more. Refer to Hebrews 11:13-39.

WHAT DRIVES YOU?

What is your motivation for preaching? Are you motivated by money? Are you motivated by the applause of people? Are you motivated by your ego? Are you motivated by King Jesus?

The obvious answer to say is that you are motivated by King Jesus. However, in most cases that's not the true answer. Whatever motives you, **MOVES YOU** to action.

When you are preaching is it the voice of the Holy Spirit that moves you to action? Because the Holy Spirit will bring you into situations where there isn't an audience, applause or a stage. He will lead you to uncharted places.

Remember, the Holy Spirit led King Jesus to the wilderness to be tested and to the cross to be crucified. When you are called to preach, the location doesn't matter. What matters is the **PURPOSE**. It does not matter if you are getting paid or not, if God told you to go that's where you go.

Is that who you are or do you have a criteria and a standard before you go somewhere and preach. Do things have to match **YOUR** expectations before you preach? If this describes you, maybe preaching is not your calling but your job.

If preaching is your job or has **BECOME** your job you have lost perspective. The calling of God produces power, not the church or the check. The call to preach pleases God, not the applause of men.

The call to preach causes you to die on behalf of the gospel. When you are called to complete a divine assignment the call **BECOMES** your life. It **TAKES OVER** your life. It **IS** your life.

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