

## The Preacher Wants a Raise

### Int.

1. Aim: To show that what all preachers want in life is not money but Christianity in Action.
2. It is scriptural to have a preacher and to pay him
  - a. 1 Cor. 9:7-14
    - i. Others who received support:
      - (1) Soldier
      - (2) Worker in a Vineyard
      - (3) Shepherd
      - (4) Oxen
      - (5) Priests
    - ii. Preachers can receive support from the church v.14
    - iii. "For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about ?" 1 Cor. 9:9 NKJV
    - iv. "If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things ?" 1 Cor. 9:11 NKJV
    - v. 13. "Do you not know that those who minister the holy things eat of the things of the temple, and those who serve at the altar partake of the offerings of the altar?  
14 Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel." 1 Cor. 9:13-14 NKJV
  - b. Deut. 25:4 "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn."
  - c. 1 Tim. 5:18 "For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward."

- d. Preachers are not preaching to get rich!
  - i. Goal is to save souls
  - ii. If money was aim in life then we would never preach!
  - iii. I've never heard of a preacher of the gospel who became a millionaire.
- e. I have the greatest job in the world - study & teach Bible to the people of God who are striving to be in heaven
- f. Preachers need a raise on a regular basis just like everyone else:
  - i. To keep up with inflation
  - ii. To show your appreciation
  - iii. For Work well done
- g. Thanks for the raise we received !!!
- 3. The preacher wants to have another raise!!
  - a. The church should give this raise
  - b. It will give the church a raise also!
- 4. We need a raise in:

### Discussion

#### **I. THE PREACHER WANTS A RAISE IN THE NUMBER OF SOULS SAVED**

- A. We are all in the soul saving business - Luke 19:10
  - 1. A preacher loves to preach and teach the gospel
  - 2. It is the power of God unto salvation - Rom. 1:16
  - 3. Preach and teach to a large audience or to an individual person
- B. Lost souls must learn the truth
  - 1. Rom. 10:10-17
  - 2. Preachers are the messengers to help spread the word

3. But the truth can be presented to others by all of us who are Christians
  4. Prov. 11:30 "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise."
- C. The preacher wants a raise in the number of souls saved.
- D. Each one win one.

## **II. PERSONAL GROWTH OF CHRISTIANS**

- A. Enthusiasm or Zeal is needed
1. Enthusiasm is lacking - we have some who are half hearted and do not really care about spiritual matters very much.
  2. Indifference is common - Ladociea was Lukewarm Rev. 3:15-16
  3. Tit. 2:14 "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."
  4. Zealous of good works
    - a. To burn with zeal, to boil
    - b. Enthusiasm in Greek - "God in us"
  5. Get on fire for the Lord - Col. 3:23 "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;"
  6. Wake up and get to work - Rev. 3:19 "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent."
  7. Zeal and enthusiasm will bring about more Work:
    - a. More Visits Teaching the lost
    - b. Helping others
  8. Let's get fired up with enthusiasm

## B. Prayer

1. We need a raise in our Prayer life
2. 1 Thes. 5:17 "Pray without ceasing." - Many have ceased to Pray
3. Jas. 1:5 "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."
4. Jas. 5:16b "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."
5. Ill. Storm coming through one night. One person commented that the Lord heard many strange voices that night!

## C. Giving

1. God expects and commands us to give:
  - a. Cheerfully = not grudgingly
  - b. Liberally = as we have been prospered
2. "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:7
3. Giving to God is really giving to yourself - in the long run.
4. Mt.6:21 "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

## D. Knowledge

1. We need a raise in Knowledge of the Bible
2. 2 Pet 3:18 "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen."
3. We must Study to learn God's word - 2 Tim. 2:15 must or we will be ashamed
4. We need a raise in Bible Study

## E. Faith

1. Faith is trust, assurance, reliance upon
2. We need a raise in our Faith and it comes by hearing - Rom. 10:17 "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
3. Faith is essential Heb. 11:6a "But without faith it is impossible to please him:"
4. We need more faith in the commands and promises of God
5. The result will be more work for the Lord.

## III. ATTENDANCE

### A. We need a raise in Attendance -

1. Preachers can prepare sermons and lessons for classes
2. Teachers can prepare their lessons
3. Song leaders can prepare and plan the song service
4. The elders and deacons can plan works for the church
5. But if the members do not attend then very little can be done.

### B. Heb. 10:25 "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

1. Not forsaking the assembling - to forsake means that we stay away because we choose to do that.
2. Preachers / teachers / song leaders / and elders and deacons are disappointed when members stay home and forsake the assembly
3. But imagine how God feels when his own people forsake the assembly and stay home or go elsewhere because they just don't want to come.

4. Harm self by missing
  - a. Miss out on worshiping God
  - b. Miss fellowship
  - c. Harm own influence
  - d. Miss Bible study and knowledge which come
- C. Why do people miss services?
  1. Sometimes sick physically
  2. Sometimes asleep physically
  3. Often sick or asleep spiritually
- D. The preacher wants a raise in attendance

#### **IV.** **LOVE**

- A. We certainly need a raise in our LOVE
- B. 1 Cor. 13
  1. Great Description of love
  2. The greatest of these is love
- C. We need a raise in love
  1. Love for God and his truth
  2. Love for the brethren
  3. Love for the Lost
  4. Love for the family
  5. Love for the sick and homeless and widows and orphans
- D. Greatest thing is love an
- E. No one will go to heaven who is not in love with the Lord. John 14:15

## **CONCLUSION**

1. The preacher wants a raise in:
    - a. The number of souls saved
    - b. Personal growth of Christians - enthusiasm, prayer, giving, knowledge, faith
    - c. Attendance
    - d. Love
  2. These things will cause us to abound in the work of the Lord.
  3. 1 Cor. 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."
  4. Who is he who will deny there is a need for these things?
  5. We all want and need the raise in these things.
    - a. The preacher wants a raise in these things
    - b. Not for his benefit, but it does please him, but for your good and for the glory of God.
  6. Let's pick up the pace !
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