

Pastor's Pen

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real faith

"I fear lest after preaching to others I myself might become a castaway."

I can think of nothing worse than standing before the Lord on judgment day and seeing a thumbs down from Him!

It should cause each of us to tremble, for the only real goal of the Christian is to hear Him say "well done". This was Paul's fear that after all the work he had done for the Lord he himself would not be qualified. How is this even possible? It stems from motive, many try to serve Him for self-serving reasons, ego, praise of man, to make a name for yourself.

The pharisee prayed looking around with his head held high he compared himself to the publican beside him disdaining him. Jesus said the publican was accepted for beating his chest in remorse and crying to God in humility.

We must be careful that our faith translates into real faith and not pretense.

God bless the church,

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