

# **LET NOT THE MINISTRY BE BLAMED**

**II Cor. 6: 3-10**

**Blame = Fault; crime; sin; that which is deserving of censure or disapprobation.**

**Disapprobation= A disapproving; dislike; the act of the mind which condemns what is supposed to be wrong, whether the act is expressed or not. We often disapprove, when we do not express disapprobation.**

**Blamed= Censured; disapproved.**

**II Cor. 6: 3 Giving no offence in anything that the ministry be not blamed.**

**I Tim. 3: 2 A Bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality apt to teach;**

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**Paul says that a bishop, or pastor as we refer to the office today, must be "blameless" This means he must have a character that is above reproach; he must be a man who is moral, with nothing of an immoral nature in his past that could cause embarrassment to the church if brought to light.**

**We as Ministers can't say do as I say not as I do, that's what the scribes and Pharisees did we have to live what we Preach. I Tim 3: 7 We have to have a good report of those that are without.**

**I Cor. 9:27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.**

**Mat 23: 1-8 Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not. For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. But be not ye called Rabbi for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.**

**II Tim. 3 16-17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works:**

**I Peter 5: 1-4 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also the partakers of the glory that shall be revealed: Feed the**

**flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.**

**I Tim. 3: 1 Ministry is a good work, "FEED THE FLOCK"**

**II Tim 2: 15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**

Homemade meals are the best, made from scratch "the word" but we have so many people that are used to fast foods, restaurants, pop and serve that they don't even know what a home cooked meal is, it takes too much time to prepare, clean up the mess, just in time to start all over, let's just eat out or would you like a TV dinner. How about it Preachers we have to Prepare, not for a warmed over meal, sometimes leftover's are necessary and very good, but it takes much preparation for a good meal, Judy asks me over and over what would you like to have today to eat, we need to ask the Lord what is needed today and make sure we prepare the meal from scratch.

**Acts 6: 4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.**

**I Thess. 5: 17 Pray without ceasing. + VS 19 Quench not the Spirit. The best Commentary in the world is he the Holy Spirit.**

**Rom. 2: 21-22 Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?**

**What about it do we Preach one thing and do another thing? Do we Preach not to have respect of persons but yet respect persons when it comes to judgment.**

**Prov. 24: 23-25 These things also belong to the wise. It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment. He that saith unto the wicked, Thou art righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him: But to them that rebuke him shall be a delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them.**

**I Cor. 3: 3-7 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? For while one saith I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal? Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.**

**II Cor. 3: 5-6 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.**

## **What shall we Preach?**

**Remember first Pray, then Study and then let the Lord give you what to say.**

**I Peter 4: 10-11 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion forever and ever.**

**II Tim. 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.**

**John 14: 26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

**Romans 7: 14-21 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.**

**II Tim. 4: 5-8 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.**