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THOUGHTS FOR PREACHERS

By

Jackie M. Stearsman

The Lord's church and her preachers must not forget the objective of preaching as suggested in the Bible.

Personal Growth

Paul was concerned with presenting each person mature before God. The gifts granted to the early church were designed for this as well. "Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus" (Col. 1:28). "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Eph. 4:12).

Preachers should develop lessons and congregations should encourage lessons that would help each person grow spiritually.

Service

In the same passage quoted from Ephesians 4:12 we should have in mind developing souls to serve. Service is a sign of greatness in the body of Christ. Jesus stated that the greatest in the kingdom are those that serve most. "... but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant" (Matt. 20:26-27). Are we preparing souls to serve? Many preachers are not willing to serve. How can they expect to motivate others when they are unwilling to serve. I know one preacher who did not like brethren calling him a minister. He did not want any one to consider him as their servant.

Preachers can do a lot in securing their position if they have

a service that brethren need and appreciate. Preachers, what is the service you have to offer? Is it what the Lord designed or what some denominational seminary proposed?

Body Builders

Preachers and congregations must see themselves as a part of a larger society—the body of Christ, the church. From what I read and see among some congregations and preachers, it is not conducive to building up the brotherhood. Their language reflects their misdirected interest. For example, what does the term "family" mean? The preacher's family? The local congregation? Should the family of God include the brotherhood? I believe it should—it must.

Were spiritual gifts to develop a congregation only or did they have in view the entire family of God? "From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love" (Eph. 4:16, see verse 12).

We do not build up the body of Christ by tearing down one congregation to build another. We need an interest in what is going on in the family of God. Without this knowledge and interest the body of Christ will not be built up. It is possible to become so selfish that we are most likely to self destruct.

Truth Loving

Truth is to have a special place with faithful preachers. Truth

is to be secured and never sacrificed (Prov. 23:23). Truth is to be loved (II Thess. 2:10-12) and it is to be spoken in love (Eph. 4:16).

Speaking is not sufficient to develop souls to serve the body of Christ. Biblical love, properly understood, will motivate us to speak truth in love. Let us be more than a sounding brass or tinkling symbol (I Cor. 13:1-3).

Immunize

Preachers need to immunize the body of Christ against spiritual disease and foreign bodies that destroy the body. "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive" (Eph. 4:14). Paul was concerned with this very thing in Corinth. "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: . . . But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." (II Cor. 11:2-3; 10:5).

Do we understand the need for, and purpose of, preaching as presented to us in the Bible?

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Kenneth Franklin, Brandon, Florida
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Jimmy Clark, Athens, Alabama
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Edward Duffy, Lakeland, Florida
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Tom Milianta, Clearwater, Florida

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Richard O'Connor, Munford, Alabama
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V.P. Black, Chickasaw, Alabama
- 10:45 **Doctrine of Christ on the Holy Spirit**
Winfred Clark, Athens, Alabama
- 1:30 **Doctrine of Christ on Hell**
Bradford Poe, Winter Park, Florida
- 2:30 **Doctrine of Christ on Righteousness**
Jeff Clark, Columbiana, Alabama
- 3:30 **Doctrine of Christ on Law**
Gary McDade, Memphis, Tennessee
- 7:00 **Doctrine of Christ on Miracles**
Bernard Cooper, Lakeland, Florida
- 7:45 **Doctrine of Christ on Works**
John Harris, Huntsville, Alabama

Thursday

- 9:00 **Doctrine of Christ on the Nature of Man**
David Dominessy, Ocala, Florida
- 9:45 **Christ and His Doctrine**
Adron Doran, Lexington, Kentucky
- 10:45 **Doctrine of Christ on Knowing the Truth**
W.E. Wardlaw, Huntsville, Alabama
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John Harris, Huntsville, Alabama
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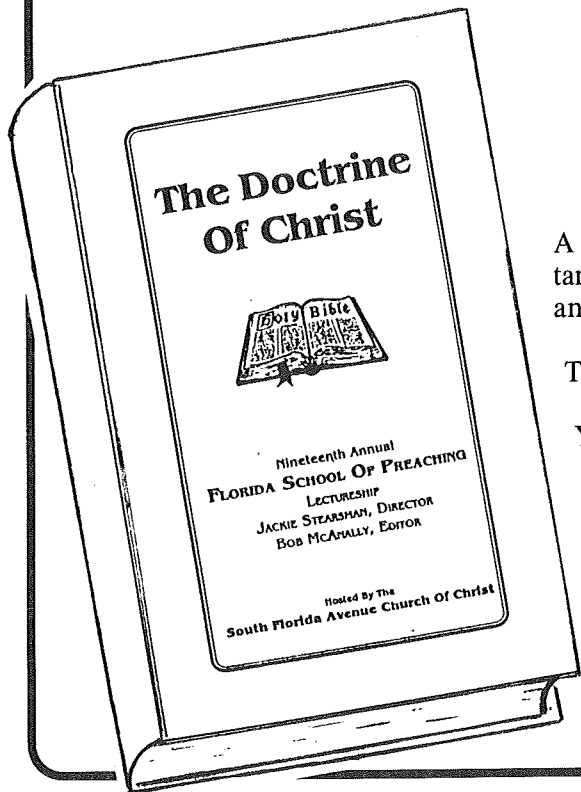
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