

The Biblical Pastor (Part 2)

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1Pe 5:2 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;

I. Not by constraint, but willingly

Isa 6:8 ... Then said I, Here *am* I; send me.

Mat 4:20 And they straightway left *their* nets, and followed him.

Jer 1:5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, *and* I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

Jer 1:6 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I *am* a child.

Jer 20:9 Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But *his word* was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not *stay*.

1Co 9:16 For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

1Co 9:17 For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation *of the gospel* is committed unto me.

II. Not for filthy lucre

Tit 1:7 For a bishop must be blameless ... not given to filthy lucre;

A. The historical shameful attitudes of greed among God's ministers

Isa 56:10 His watchmen *are* blind: they are all ignorant, they *are* all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

Isa 56:11 Yea, *they are* greedy dogs *which* can never have enough ... they all look to their own way, every one for his gain ...

Jer 6:13 For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one *is* given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.

Jer 6:14 ... saying, Peace, peace; when *there is* no peace.

Jer 6:15 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush ...

Mic 3:11 ... the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they ... say, *Is* not the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us.

Mal 1:10 Who *is there* even among you that would shut the doors *for nought*? neither do ye kindle *fire* on mine altar for nought. I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand.

Tit 1:10 For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers ...

Tit 1:11 Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

2Pe 2:3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

B. Paul's example of the preacher's attitude toward money

Act 20:33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.

Act 20:34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

Act 20:35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Act 18:1 After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth;

Act 18:2 And found a certain Jew named Aquila ... with his wife Priscilla ...

Act 18:3 And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.

Act 18:4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath...

1Co 4:11 Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace;

1Co 4:12 And labour, working with our own hands ...

2Th 3:8 Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you:

2Th 3:9 Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.

C. On the other hand, those who hear preaching are told to support of the preachers

Mat 10:9 Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses,

Mat 10:10 Nor scrip for *your* journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.

1Ti 5:17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

1Ti 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.

2Ti 2:4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of *this* life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

2Ti 2:6 The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.

Gal 6:6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate (*share*) unto him that teacheth...

D. The Bible's most extensive teaching of both sides of the story of preachers & money

1Co 9:6 Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working?

- 1Co 9:7 Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?
- 1Co 9:8 Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also?
- 1Co 9:9 For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen?
- 1Co 9:10 Or saith he *it* altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, *this* is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope.
- 1Co 9:11 If we have sown unto you spiritual things, *is it* a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?
- 1Co 9:12 If others be partakers of *this* power over you, *are* not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ.
- 1Co 9:13 Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live *of the things* of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?
- 1Co 9:14 Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.
- 1Co 9:15 But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for *it were* better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void.
- 1Co 9:16 For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!
- 1Co 9:17 For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation *of the gospel* is committed unto me.
- 1Co 9:18 What is my reward then? *Verily* that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.
- 1Co 9:19 For though I be free from all *men*, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.

E. Paul later questioned the wisdom of having preached to Corinth for nothing

- 2Co 11:7 Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely?
- 2Co 11:8 I robbed other churches, taking wages *of them*, to do you service.
- 2Co 11:9 And when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which came from

Macedonia supplied: and in all *things* I have kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and *so* will I keep *myself*.

2Co 12:13 For what is it wherein ye were inferior to other churches, except *it be* that I myself was not burdensome to you? forgive me this wrong.

2Co 12:14 Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: for I seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.

2Co 12:15 And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.

III. But of a ready mind

1Pe 3:15 ... ***be ready always*** to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

Act 21:13 Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for **I am ready** not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

Act 21:30 And all the city was moved, and the people ran together: and they took Paul, and drew him out of the temple: and forthwith the doors were shut.

Act 21:31 And as they went about to kill him, tidings came unto the chief captain of the band, that all Jerusalem was in an uproar.

Act 21:32 Who immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down unto them: and when they saw the chief captain and the soldiers, they left beating of Paul.

Act 21:33 Then the chief captain came near, and took him, and commanded *him* to be bound with two chains; and demanded who he was, and what he had done.

Act 21:35 And when he came upon the stairs, so it was, that he was borne of the soldiers for the violence of the people.

Act 21:37 And as Paul was to be led into the castle, he said unto the chief captain, May I speak unto thee? ...

Act 21:39 ... I beseech thee, suffer me to speak unto the people.

Act 21:40 And when he had given him licence, Paul stood on the stairs, and beckoned with the hand unto the people. And when there was made a great silence, he spake unto *them* in the Hebrew tongue, saying,

2Ti 4:6 For **I am now ready** to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

2Ti 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith: