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Evangelism Today --- The Pulpit

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I. SINCERE STUDENTS OF THE BIBLE BELIEVE THE FOLLOWING SELF-EVIDENT TRUTHS. (Prov. 2:16.]

1. God spoke to the PATRIARCHS for about 2,500 years through direct, face-to-face contact (as it were). (Gen. 2:16.) HEAVEN was God's pulpit, from whence He spoke.

2. God spoke to our FATHERS of the Jewish Nation for about 1,500 years through the Prophets. The STREETS, LANES, HILLS & the Temple Square were His pulpits.

3. God has spoken to US for the last 1,940 years thru His Son. (Heb. 1:1) His pulpit has been His church. (I Tim. 3:15.)

4. Jesus delegated the authority to preach His gospel to His Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists and Pastors and Teachers. (Eph. 4:11)

5. Jesus ordained Christian Education in every media of human instruction. (Prov. 1:7.) This includes the HOME, the SCHOOL and the CHURCH.
   A. HOME: Devotionals, readings and Bible study. (Eph. 6:4.)
   B. SCHOOL: Kindergarten thru the University, God should be honored and Jesus glorified. (Col. 3:17)
   C. CHURCH: A unique arrangement:
      Note: The result is three-fold: Personal-control, social-control, and the salvation of the immortal soul of man.

II. THE PULPIT IS THE FOCAL POINT OF THE CHURCH'S EVANGELISM. * I Cor. 1:18-24

1. Purpose of preaching is clear: *Rom. 1:16-17.

Three comments:
   a. The days of Gospel Preaching are not over!
   b. The days of Great Gospel Meetings are not over!
   c. The days of Grand Training for Service Series are not over either.

III. BIBLE TEACHES: GOD WANTS ONLY ONE KIND OF PREACHER IN HIS PULPIT.

A. But first, some kinds we HAVE, and He doesn't want!

1. LOOSE PULPITS: Preachers poorly-dedicated to the deep STUDY of the Word of God. Surface preachers. CARELESS! No place for such! It's not! Work! Toil! Sweat! Please! Need of!

2. LIBERAL PULPITS: Preachers poorly-dedicated to the Grand Old Message of "Salvation through Jesus." This is not carelessness, this is DELIBERATE! (Know few answers----always "still studying!") II Tim. 3:7 mentions such. No place for such in church today!
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AS A MATTER OF FACT: there are certain types of preachers today who DO NOT BELONG in the LORD's pulpit:

1. No man has a right to the pulpit of the Lord Jesus Christ who: DOUBTS the Complete-Inspiration of the Bible as the Word of God or QUESTIONS it as God's sole authority in all matters of faith and practice in the church of Christ or QUALMS about it as adequate to help us solve all our problems in this present day.

2. No man has a right to the Lord's pulpit who: to any degree QUESTIONS the Virgin Birth of Jesus or His divine nature as God's Son or His miracles performed on this earth.

   The pulpit is ONLY for MEN.....men of Faith!

3. No man has the right to stand in God's pulpit who: would HESITATE for one second to teach the N. T. doctrine of the ONE CHURCH!!! God's only ark of spiritual safety!

4. No man has any right, under any circumstances, to call himself Christ's preacher who: against all would COMPROMISE the divine message of Jesus / SIN or would MINIMIZE the Lord's strict-standard of morality. (M. 7:13-14)


6. No man has any business at any time in any pulpit in any place who FEELS that the preaching of the gospel of Christ is LESS than the GREATEST CALLING of man on earth!!!! II Cor. 5:14 Love constrains me! I Cor. 9:16 Woe is me!

3. PADDED PULPITS: Preachers poorly-dedicated to the denial, dedication and sacrifices demanded by the pulpit of Jesus. This kind preaches a soft, sentimental and spiritually-sick gospel. *Easy job??

4. JESUS' PULPIT: was a cross, rugged splintery. Crude Cruel. Hard & horrible: Most effective in suffering: "Father forgive BUT!!!"
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IV. CLOSE WITH THE POSITIVE: God invites men to COME into His pulpit and to STAY to the death, who see His pulpit in the proper-spiritual-perspective:

1. Place of Dedication: Advice—don't preach if you can keep from it. Takes 110% dedication. Over-time. Beyond the call of duty.

2. Place of Sacrifice: Never make it on a 40 hour week. More like 70 or 80 or sometimes 90 hours a week. Demands your very best......and then a little more.


4. Place of Greatest Faith and Trust:
   You are God's leaders in the pulpit.
   Elders are God's leaders in the pew. Greatest team on earth!
   With unwavering Faith and... Paul
   With unbending Trust --- *commends you to the message that can
   save the world:

   "And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

   For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

   And I was with you in weakness and in fear, and in much trembling.
   And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and power:

   THAT YOUR FAITH should not stand in the wisdom of men...
   BUT IN THE POWER OF GOD!!! (I Cor. 2:1-5)