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Romans 10:15:

15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Three Things A Minister Has To Watch

And I'd promised the Lord if He ever failed me... When I started on the field, I know there's two or three things that a minister has to watch, and one of them is money. So money, popularity, women and so forth... So I'd made a pledge to God. I found out that Samson fell because of Delilah, the--the woman. And I found out that Saul fell because of pride. And Balaam fell because of money. And all those things are written for our examples, said the book of Hebrews. And we watch those things and keep the Blood cover between us and those things.

And as went along, I said, "Now, Lord, I know there'll be a lot of money mixed up in this, but naked came I into the world and naked shall I return (See?), and You help me." And by God's grace, it's been wonderful. And so I said, "If You ever go to failing me where you have to beg for money or put strain on offerings, I--I come in off the field." And I did when I--I failed six thousand dollars, or fifteen thousand dollars, rather, in California.

Shepard Of The Sheepfold - 56-0403

Preaching The Gospel Is The Highest Form

Now, I think--and I'd say this from my heart--that the greatest and highest form that there is for God to get His message to His people is for the people to believe His Word. That's right. That's the highest form: preaching the Gospel is the highest form. Then, if you notice, the Bible places it that way. First, apostles; secondary, prophet and so forth. Then, on down, on down then into the nine spiritual gifts operating in every local body.

What Is A Vision - 56-0408A

Preaching Of The Word – Million Miles Beyond Visions

When you see visions it's so wonderful, and I thank God for it. But yet the preaching of the Word is a million miles beyond that.

Revelation, Book Of Symbols - 56-0617

A Ministering Spirit In The Body

Now, when you believe, Jesus said, "You have Eternal Life." That's the new birth. That's your conversion, changing. But the baptism of the Holy Spirit is the power of God that you're baptized into and are subject to these nine spiritual gifts to work through you; such as, preaching, evangelists, apostles, pastors, prophets... And all the gifts of the body come into this, when you're baptized into this body. And that's--doesn't make you any more a Christian; it just sets you positionally in a place to be a ministering spirit in the church of the living God. Now, you get it? See?

Hebrews, Questions And Answers, Part II - 57-1002

God Trained Men – Rugged Men Of Faith

And so, we tonight, want to think on that, and remember that in the midst of all this cry, God cannot send a revival until He's got man in shape to take it. We cannot have a revival until we get men--God called men, God trained men, that's not trained up in the schools of theology and of education, but rugged men of faith that God has brought up in the school of His rugged training, men who are not afraid to face the fire, men who has come in the Presence of God and knows His power, and knows His omnipotence, and knows His healing power, some men that's trained to know the living God. It's all right to train them by the Word, but the letter killeth; the Spirit giveth Life.

And before we can have this revival, God has to call out and train men (God trained men) to carry this Message. And they don't care what the opposition is. They are willing to go to the fiery furnace in defeat, or to the lion's den, or wherever it may be; they're ready to go, because they've been in the Presence of God and know that He is. Whether it's to victory or defeat, they still stand the same.

That's the kind of training God does to man. And it's very strange to think that God would do that--that God trains His men like that, but He does.

God Called Man - 58-1005E

A Minister Must Never Try To Glorify Himself

Just take the minister today: if he has the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and he knows that if he preaches that Word, it's going to cut his fame down; it's going to put him in a little bitty church somewhere, or maybe out on the street. But he knows that something in his heart is burning. He sees the coming of the Lord. He doesn't care whether that he has a big church or a little church. He doesn't care whether he has today's food or not no food. He doesn't care whether he has good clothes or doesn't have good clothes, He's only mindful of one thing, and that's the very Life within him crying out. He's trying to achieve something for the glory of God, and that man, in doing so, will act the very Life of the Spirit that's in him. Do you follow me? He'll act it out.

Neither would any servant of God take glory. Neither would any servant of God take a gift of God and try to glorify himself, or anything else, but his right achievement is to do something to the glory of God. That's why you see the same thing today. We must have discernment of spirit to see a person what they're trying to do. Are they trying to glorify God? Are they trying to glorify themselves?

Discernment Of Spirit - 60-0308

The Minister's Voice – Cried Out To The People In Every Age

... And what does a star do? It reflects the light of the sun until the sun returns. Blessed be the Name of the Lord. And a true minister of God don't reflect some flashlight, some match stem, some shuck a-burning; he reflects the golden rays of Christ to the church, that "He's the same, and He's alive, and He shine on me." Amen. That's the Light he reflects.

... What a horrible thing for a drifting soul on the sea of life, no pilot to guide him, a loose, floating with the tides, to hear the roar of the great cataracts, the falls, what a horrible thing it would be to a soul drifting. "Voice of many waters." What is His voice? It's the judgment; the voice of the ministers, through the Holy Spirit, that's cried out to the people in every age, standing there. The voice of many waters cried out, thickness and multitudes. The voice of those seven stars in His hand, to every church age, preaching the baptism of the Holy Ghost, the baptism in Jesus' Name, speaking in tongues, the power of God, the resurrection of Christ, the second coming, Divine judgment. The voice of many waters coming forth from this One that looked like the Son of man, many waters.

"And the Word was made flesh and dwelled among us." And now the Word's made flesh in His church, dwelling among us: His angels in His hand, minister. God is depending upon His church. God is relying on us of this age to bring this Gospel Light to a dying, demon-bound, traditional world. God's laying the burden on me and you. Woe unto us if the heathen dies without knowing.

Patmos Vision, Revelation Of Jesus Christ - 60-1204E

Any Man That Has Not A Doctrine Has Not A Ministry

We're thankful for our trustees. We're thankful for our deacons. We're thankful for our congregation. And we're thankful for our pastor. We're thankful for every gift that He's given into the church. And we pray that He will give these men understanding, that they'll never get off on the wrong side but stay right straight in the middle of the road with it, never be exalted or anything; whenever you do, you're finished right there. You see? Just stay humble with it. And any man that has not a doctrine has not a ministry. So if you don't think that your congregation should hear the tape, then keep it from them. But I'm just expressing my own opinion and my own feelings, my own revelation of the Word of God.

Revelation Chapter 5, Part II - 61-0618

A Preacher Has To Master Human Ability

The important thing, one of the important things that we must master. Now, remember this, and especially you young preachers, and lay members alike. There's one thing that we've got to master if we expect to fulfill God's desire in our life, that is, we have to master the thought of human ability. If we ever get to a spot where we think that we can do it with our own intelligence and our own abilities, we've got to master that in such a way that we can get rid of the thing and lay it aside so that God can use us. That's right.

And make a complete surrender! We cannot use one ability. We've got to make a complete surrender! And, to come to God, you've got to surrender to Him both soul, body, and spirit. Everything that you are has to be surrendered to God, in order that He can work His will in you and in me.

Perfect Strength By Perfect Weakness - 61-1119

Feed Sheep Food – The Truth

Brother Parker said this morning, "God loves His people." He loves His sheep. He said, "Feed 'em." And sheep must have sheep food. And He never said, "Educate My sheep." He said, "Feed 'em. Not educate 'em; feed 'em; give them sheep food."

What is sheep food? The Bread of Life (Jesus is the Bread of Life), Gospel, Truth. Preach it without compromise! Then you know that when you have to answer at the day of the judgment for their souls, as a minister of the Gospel, you can stand and say, "That's what was wrote in the Word." Feed them the Truth. Feed My sheep!

Convinced And Then Concerned - 62-0610E

Don't Try To Preach Until Its Thus Saith The Lord

But oh, what we need in the pulpits today is men like Uzziah was. No matter what the politics of his church or politics of anything else, he played the hand of God through. He waited till he found THUS SAITH THE LORD, then he did it.

... You've got to stay in your calling, where God called you to.

... Everybody wants to pack the ball. See?

... The thing to do is protect this Message the way It's a-going, stay right with It, and block everything away from It, if we're ever going to cross the goal line.

... Business Men should testify. Women, housewife, no matter if you're the maid in somebody's house, testify. Do everything you can for the Kingdom; but don't ever inject your own ideas; just say, What the Message says and keep going on (see?). And then maybe you'd have some influence. Well, don't try to preach now until God, you know, calls you. Just stay right with that, your testimony, because if you don't, you'll get off in the wrong category; and then you'll mess up everything.

The Influence Of Another - 62-1013

The Ministry Before The Rapture – The Message Of The Hour

(Question 22) ... Would the Bride of Christ have... Would the Bride of Christ have a ministry before the rapture?

Sure. That's what's going on right now. See? The Bride of Christ... Certainly. It is the Message of the hour (See?), the Bride of Christ. Sure, She's consist of apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, and pastors. Is that right? That's the Bride of Christ. Sure, She's got a ministry, great ministry; it's the ministry of the hour; it'll be so humble...

Questions And Answers On The Seven Seals - 63-0324M

Ministers Sometimes Sell Out To Denominations

Ministers sometimes claiming to be servants of Christ, and when the Word is thoroughly identified to be vindicated for that day, that it is the Message of the hour, and they'll sell out their--their popularity to their denomination just exactly like Judas did--betray Jesus to the Pharisees and the Sadducees. That spirit don't die. So there... That's amongst the believers, make-believers and unbelievers.

Three Kinds Of Believers - 63-1124E

The Ministers Duty – To Solve And Prove A Question

... How I get a message, I will be going along and Something strikes me. Then... And if I know it's God, I will take it over and find it in the Scripture. Then I have... It's never failed, but, from Genesis to Revelations, run true, no matter what people think about It. And it's been more so than ever since those Seven Seals.

And it's the minister's duty, when any question is brought up, that he solves this out, and then proves it before the people, that they might understand, because no one wants to be found "wrong," holding to the wrong thing.

Proving His Word - 64-0816

Minister, Stay In Your Calling

You say, "I'm a minister, anointed." Then stay a minister; don't try to be a prophet. See? If you're evangelist, stay evangelist. And you pastors shouldn't never tell a prophet what to do, or you evangelists tell a pastor. See, each one has his office if it is perfectly identified.

Trying To Do God A Service Without It being God's Will - 65-1127

A Minister In The House Of God Will Have One Wife

There is five offices elected of God. "For God has set in the church apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, evangelists." God did that. Man has deacons and so forth, and everything else, but you see, but God set in the church for the perfecting of the church--can't divide it.

(Question 286) Brother Branham, is it (Let's see)... for a person who has a-- who has a living, divorced mate who remarry before coming unto the Message to minister?

Well, in I Timothy 3:2, if you want to put that down, and Titus 1 to 6 (I wrote that one down.), I want you to read that for this question. See? If a man--if a man desires the office of a bishop or a preacher (something another in church), he's got to have just one wife. That's right. A minister... Now, that's I Timothy 3:2, and Titus 1 to 6. Now, Titus 1 to 6, yeah. All right. Now, notice that the Bible said that that man that's a minister in the house of God will have one wife. Now.

Questions And Answers - 64-0823E

Men Of God Are Anointed Around The World To Preach

(Question 349) Now. Brother Branham, is it true that no one should preach but you? We have seen your--we have seen you ordain men. We do--don't believe you would do that if there were not--if they were not to preach.

Mercy. Brother, sister, ever who told you that nobody's to preach but me, I'd sure be a poor subject to God with all that. No. Every man or that feels a call of God upon his life, get into the ministry and start preaching; we need them.

Men of God are anointed all over the world to preach the Gospel. See? I'm just one little pebble on the beach among many big stones. See? So I... There's just many that's more eligible, more worthy, more of anything to preach than me; I'm just one little, humble person laying out here. I'm one grain of wheat in a whole garner. See? So that just a... You know what I mean. Any man that's called of God needs to preach the Gospel.

Questions And Answers - 64-0830M

A Minister To Enter The Sacred Desk – Meet God Himself

No man has a right to enter the sacred desk to preach the Word until he has did as Moses did, meet God, himself, upon grounds where that there's no theologian can explain It away. Moses was there! No matter how Israel's messengers said, "oh, it was a nonsense, you just imagined you saw this; it's nonsense," you couldn't take That away from him, he knowed! He was there! He was the one it happened to! And no man by a theological degree or some doctor's degree has a right behind the pulpit, to claim the Message of Jesus Christ, until he's first met God face to face in the Pillar of Fire.

Why It Had To Be Shepherds - 64-1221

Minister's Cutting Corners To Save Feelings

Now, you must pray over the church that you are fellowshiping in. Remember, churches have spirits. Now, I don't want to be critical, but I realize that I'm an old man, and I got to leave here one of these days. I've got to answer at the day of the

judgment for what I say tonight or any other time, and I--therefore, I've got to be dead earnest and truly convicted. But you go into a church, and if you'll watch the behavior of that church, you just watch the pastor awhile, and you'll usually find that the church acts like the pastor.

Sometimes I wonder if we just don't get one another's spirit instead of the Holy Spirit. You get to a place where a pastor's real radical and carrying on, you'll find out the congregation's the same way. I'll bring you to a church where I seen the pastor stand, jerk their heads back and forth. You watch the congregation; they do the same thing. You take a pastor that'll just gulp down anything, usually the church will do the same thing. So if I was choosing a church, I'd choose a genuine, fundamental, full Gospel Bible church, if I was choosing one to put my family in.

Ministers, think the same. Do you cut corners here to save somebody's feelings over yonder? Would you do this if it wasn't--if they would put you out of the church? If you are feeling that way, my dear brother, let me warn you in the Name of Jesus Christ, flee from that right now.

Choosing Of A Bride - 65-0429E

God Knows Who To Choose In The Ministry

... It is His chosen season, His chosen person. And He never did choose a party or sect; it's a chosen person. How He does it.

Who is it that will dare to correct Him and say, "Now, Lord, You made a mistake by putting this man in the ministry. This man doesn't believe like we believe." Who's going to tell God He's wrong in it? It would take somebody that's a little more of a delinquent than I am to tell Him that. He knows what He's doing. He knows who to choose and who not to choose, what to do and when to do it. No matter how much we think that a certain person is qualified to do a certain job, God knows who's qualified for the time and the season, or the time and the right time to do it.

And the real, true Christian, the real, true believer in God, waits upon the Lord for these things. Wait on your ministry. If you feel a call, be sure that it's God. Be sure that it's right. Be sure that it's timely of what you're saying. The Bible said, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with the wings like an eagle. They shall run and not be weary. If they walk, they'll not faint."

Doing God A Service Without His Will - 65-0718M

Faithfully Taught To Speak Only What The Messenger Has Spoken

They say, "Never mind what God's Word says. You can't understand it. We have to interpret it for you. Furthermore the Bible is not finished. It has to change with the times and we will tell you what the changes are."

... Instead of the straight Word of God, instead of the Spirit-filled men in the church who were led by Spirit-given revelation, there are now creeds, and by-

laws, and the educated guesses of educated men. Learning has taken the place of revelation. Reason has replaced faith. Program has replaced spontaneous praise in the Holy Ghost. It wasn't so from the beginning. The whole specie has changed. It has become a hybrid church.

... The minute the church moved toward form and ceremony, and toward priesthood by organizing the ministers into a group that decided leadership apart from the Holy Spirit and His Word, that very moment death entered and she started to get sick, and as she got sick she changed to a powerless group of people whose only weapon was argument. She could produce nothing in the Spirit, for her hopes were built on program and not on faith in His Word. They sowed program so they reaped program.

In every age we have exactly the same pattern. That is why the light comes through some God-given messenger in a certain area, and then from that messenger there spreads the light through the ministry of others who have been faithfully taught. But of course all those who go out don't always learn how necessary it is to speak ONLY what the messenger has spoken. (Remember, Paul warned the people to say only what he said, I Corinthians 14:37, "If any man think himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD. What? came the Word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?")

Church Age Book

Young Men Can Take This Message To The Coming Of The Lord

But I'm very thankful for these open doors that I've had to go into and the inspiration it's give to young man like your pastor here, that's caused them... As I'm beginning to get old, and know that my days are numbered, and know now that these young men can take this message and sweep it on to the coming of the Lord, if He doesn't come in my generation... Which I'm hoping to see Him... I look daily for Him, and watch, keeping myself prepared for that hour.

Things That Are To Be - 65-1205

Gifted Men Will Keep The Church In Order

Now I want to say that I believe in leadership. But it is not the leadership of men I believe in. I believe in the leadership of the Holy Ghost coming through the Word. I believe also, that God has set men in the church, men who are gifted by the Spirit; and they will keep the church in order. I believe that. I believe also that the church is ruled over by men that God sends to take charge. But that rule is BY THE WORD, so that it is not men really ruling but the SPIRIT OF GOD, for the Word and Spirit are ONE. Hebrews 13:7, "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the Word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation."

Ephesian Church Age - CAB

Selected By God Alone

So there's apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelist, and so forth. They are selected by God alone. No matter how much you go to school, how well you're educated, how well--what you want to preach, if God hasn't called you to be a preacher, you'll never make it. That's right. You'll just be a stumbling block in a real preacher's way. That's exactly. "Gifts and callings are without repentance." Correctly.

I'd rather my boy be a preacher than anything I know of, but God will have to do that. I--no one else can do it. That's right, God will have to do it.

Jesus Christ The Same - 56-0225

To Be A Minister Is The Highest Office

Everywhere, why, we want to be positive sure of these things before we say them. They've got to be right, because we're standing here holding the highest office that's held in the world, a minister, a minister, and the most truthful and right--accurate. We must be that way. We must depend on God to do it.

True Sign That's Overlooked - 61-1112

To Be A Minister Is The Most Wonderful Gift

Now, to bring up this faith in Christ, there's ministers. That's the most important thing of the day, is a good God-sent preacher. I admire them. And their gift is far beyond anything could be done in anything else, is a preacher, a man who knows how to rightly divide the Word of God. It's the most wonderful gift in the world, is to be a minister. Which is a... Which was a New Testament modern day prophet, a preacher. "Prophecy" means "to foretell, or to tell some personal thing." In other words, if you read the Bible and start tell... Then that's a teacher. See? But a "prophecy" is "to testify or foretell." All right.

I Perceive You Are A Prophet - 53-0614E

You Can't Mix Ministries Together

Now, in this, He... You can't mix two or three different ministries together, pastor and evangelize the same time. You can't be a--a prophet and maybe a pastor at the same time (See?), 'cause you have different works, different ministry.

Spiritual Food In Due Season - 65-0718E

God Dressed Up In His Church

Now, God fortified His army. What with? Himself, in the form of prophets, apostles, teachers, pastors. What did He do? What was God doing? Listen, did you ever think what that offices of the church is? It's God's dress, inside dress, an apostle, a prophet, a seer. Foresee, before Satan ever gets to it, done told it. What is it? God dressed up in His church. These offices is God's dress-wear. When you

see those offices, pastors, teachers, evangelists, what is that? That's God's dress-wear, God's Presence, God's Spirit and It's working through man.

And if that office denies any of this Word, then it's not God-dressing.

Putting On The Whole Armour Of God - 62-0607

Calling In Your Life

Many of you here, men of God, calling in your life; you can be doing something. Just don't set around. Let's do something. If you don't get but one soul saved, get that one saved, each one of us.

Taking Sides With Jesus - 62-0601

The Pulpit Is For A Man Ordained

You businessmen remember that too. We preachers have enough hard time keeping this thing straight. It's not for laymen. Laymen has their part, but the pulpit is for the minister that's ordained. God sets in the church men for these things.

Zacchaeus The Businessman - 63-0121

The Five Fold Ministry

Ephesians 4:11

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers.

The Apostle

Apostle Is A Missionary

And He set some in the Church what? In the Church, in the Body, set some there here what? A--first apostles, that's missionaries. We got one here in the church now, a little boy setting back there, a friend of mine, Brother, I call him Creech--Jefferies. That's the first highest call, a missionary. You say, "An apostle is a missionary?" Absolutely. Go look in the dictionary and find out what apostle means. Means "one sent." Go look in the--what a missionary means: "One sent." Same thing. The highest order is a missionary who travels the seas for the Lord Jesus.

Baptism Of The Holy Spirit - 58-0928M

Sets Things In Order

And then, we find out, the apostle is a special man. He's a--he's a "setter-in-order." He's a man that's sent from God to set the things in order.

Warning Then Judgment - 63-0724

You Have To Be In The Will Of God

You know you're in the will of God. You have to be when you're a missionary. You see? Because the general orders is, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." A man that's a missionary...

So, missionaries, prophets, evangelists, teachers, and pastors make up the church. Is that right? Apostles, prophets they call. So, as long as you are a missionary or an apostle, you're one sent of God to a mission. And you're always right. God bless you is my--my prayer.

Joseph Meeting His Brethren - 56-1230

One That's Been Sent

So they a--apostle is a missionary. It's one that's been sent. And when a man feels led of God, and sent of God, to go to Africa, India, that makes him an apostle, and--or a missionary, which ever way you want to call it.

Jesus Christ The Same - 56-0225

An Apostle Means A "Sent One"

Though scholars may tell you the apostolic age is over, don't you believe it. Such a statement is wrong on two counts. First of all, it is wrong to suppose there aren't any more apostles, just because the original twelve are dead. An apostle means a 'sent one'; and there are many sent ones today, but they are called missionaries. As long as men are being called and sent forth with the Word of Life there is an apostolic age going on. Secondly, they refer to an age of 'manifested Holy Ghost power' as being over since the Bible has been completed. That is untrue. There is not even one Scripture that suggests that, but many conclusively state otherwise. Here is our proof that both of these charges are false. Acts 2:38,39. "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." The promise of power with which the apostles were endued at Pentecost is to "you (Jews), and to your children (Jews), and to all that are afar off (Gentiles), and to as many as the Lord our God shall call (both Jew and Gentile)". Until He stops calling, the Pentecostal message and power will NOT CEASE.

Ephesian Church Age - CAB

The Apostle's Creed

Some of them say, "I believe in the Apostles' Creed. I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Creator of heavens and earth. I believe in the holy Roman Catholic church," and all these things.

Tell me when an apostle ever had a creed like that. If the apostles had one creed, it's wrote in Acts 2:38! "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost!" If there's any creed to them, that was it. They had no creed. It was the Word. That is true. It still remains the same.

Three Kinds Of Believers - 63-1124E

The Prophet

Had The Divine Interpretation Of The Word

And the prophet--the word prophet (seer) Old Testament... now the English version of prophet means a preacher. But the Old Testament seer was a man who had the Divine interpretation of the Word and was proven by the Word coming to him and foreseeing it.

Three Kinds Of Believers - 63-1124E

The Word Always Comes To A Prophet

And now remember, the Word always comes to a prophet. We all know that. God does nothing without showing it to His prophets. That's the reason the Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ is the full fullness of Christ right here before us, the Book. Now He will have to send one, someone to confirm that Book, reveal It, open the Seals, and so forth. But as far as any farther revelation of Christ, it's already recognized right Here. He is the fullness of This, of the Revelation. Now notice, never does it fail, but the Word comes to the prophet.

Presence Of God Unrecognized - 64-0618

He Foresees The Future

But the real prophet's got the order from God, should never compromise nothing, he should absolutely lay it right on the line.

That's the reason He used the spirit of Elijah so much, see, because that that spirit always carried out His orders.

The prophet is a special man. A prophet is a man of whom the Word of the Lord comes to, because the prophet is so designed (life) that his subconscious and his first conscious is so close together that he doesn't go to sleep to dream his dream, he sees it when he's wide awake. See? Now, that's something God has to do. See, he sees what's going.

A prophet foresees way off, see, the things that is coming. He sees the cup of God's wrath, full, before it is filled. See? He can say, "THUS SAITH THE LORD! God will destroy this city except you repent." Why? He's an eagle. He rides way in yonder. See? And he looks way off there and he sees that cup of wrath poured out. That's what the prophets look at.

Warning Then Judgement - 63-0724

A Prophet Is Borne A Prophet

A prophet is a seer who sees the people's hearts and foretells the things that's coming to pass. And--and now, there's a gift of prophecy. That's in the church with the local members. It falls upon any of them. They give a prophecy. Then it cannot be received to the church until it's been judged by two or three witnesses. And

then, they have to put their seal on that, to say it's of God. Then they have to watch to see if it happens. Then it may never fall on that brother or sister again. It may be on another one the next... That's a gift of prophecy.

But a prophet, p-r-o-p-h-e-t, is borned a prophet, always from bef--was ordained that before the world ever even begin. See? Now, you take like Jesus Christ, the King of prophets. He was, from the garden of Eden, the Seed of the woman, prophet. And Moses was borned a proper child, a prophet. John the Baptist, why, Isaiah saw him seven hundred and twelve years before he was born, and said he's the "voice of one crying in the wilderness," seven hundred and twelve years before he was born. Jeremiah--God said before he was even formed in his mother's womb that He knew him, and sanctified him, and ordained him a prophet to the nations. See?

A Greater Than Solomon Is Here - 62-0725

A Prophet Is A Warning Sign Of Judgement

Notice. The coming of a prophet is a warning sign of judgment at hand. Did you know that? Judgment is ready to strike. If there is a prophet in the land, remember, he's certainly first got to be vindicated, by God and the Word for that day. And then he does a sign. Then watch that sign, what he predicts. He said, "If it comes to pass, then hear him." Numbers 12:6. "If it doesn't come to pass, forget it." It's got to be a Scriptural sign that he gives.

And what He give for a sign one time, if He's the same yesterday, today, and forever, He continually gives it the same. The Word of the Lord came to the prophets. They was the Word. And when Jesus come, He was the Word. And the Word discerns the thoughts and intents of the heart continually, on and on. Now watch. The coming of this prophet gives the sign of judgment is at hand, always.

Voice Of The Sign - 64-0321E

He Is God's Mouthpiece

A prophet is a reflector of God. He is made so that he cannot speak his own words, it has to be God's words that he speaks. He's just like a reflector. And he is God's mouthpiece.

Things That Are To Be - 65-1205

ONE Prophet-Messenger to Laodicean Church Age

Before we close this section on the messenger of the Laodicean Age, we must seriously consider these two thoughts. First, this age will have ONE Prophet-Messenger. Revelation 10:7, says, "When he (singular) shall begin to sound." There has never been an age where God gave His people two major prophets at one time. He gave Enoch (alone); He gave Noah (alone); He gave Moses (he alone had the Word though others prophesied); John the Baptist came ALONE.

Now in this last day there is to be a PROPHET (not a prophetess--though in this age there are more women purporting to give God's revelation than men), and the infallible Word says that he (the prophet) will reveal the mysteries to the end time people, and turn the hearts of the children back to the fathers. There are those who say that God's people are going to come together through a collective revelation. I challenge that statement. It is a bald, invalid assumption in the face of Revelation 10:7. Now I do not deny that people will prophesy in this last age and their ministries can and will be correct. I do not deny that there will be prophets even as in the days of Paul when there was "one Agabus a prophet who prophesied of a famine". I agree that is so. BUT I DENY UPON THE INFALLIBLE EVIDENCE OF THE WORD THAT THERE IS MORE THAN ONE MAJOR PROPHET-MESSENGER WHO WILL REVEAL THE MYSTERIES AS CONTAINED IN THE WORD, AND WHO HAS THE MINISTRY TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE CHILDREN TO THE FATHERS. "Thus saith the Lord" by His unfailing Word stands, and shall stand and be vindicated. There is one prophet-messenger to this age. On the basis of human behavior alone, anyone knows that where there are many people there is even divided opinion on lesser points of a major doctrine which they all hold together. Who then will have the power of infallibility which is to be restored in this last age, for this last age is going to go back to manifesting the Pure Word Bride? That means we will have the Word once again as it was perfectly given, and perfectly understood in the days of Paul. I will tell you who will have it. It will be a prophet as thoroughly vindicated, or even more thoroughly vindicated than was any prophet in all the ages from Enoch to this day, because this man will of necessity have the capstone prophetic ministry, and God will shew him forth. He won't need to speak for himself, God will speak for him by the voice of the sign. Amen

Laodicean Church Age - CAB

The Evangelist

He Is A Fireball

The evangelist is a special man. He's a man that's burning like a fireball. He runs into a city and preaches his message, then gets out of there somewhere else. See, he's a special man.

Warning Then Judgement - 63-0724

Standing Between The Enemy And Congregation

Many people think that the evangelist doesn't need any help. You're mistaken. He's needs more help than all the congregation does, because he's standing between the enemy and the congregation.

What It Takes To Overcome All Unbelief - 60-0729

Evangelist – The Flying Eagle

Did you think that--that God don't put a guard around His Word? Here's that ox, lion, man, eagle. Isn't it still setting at those gates right here on earth right now? They're the Gospels, the four Gospels. See? And, you notice, every way they went they went straight forward. They don't contradict one another; they stay with one another. See? One goes with the shrewdness of a man; the other one goes with the swiftness of an eagle; the other one's a pastor... One's evangelist, to fly like evangelist. See? The other one's a pastor; the other one's sturdy; the other one's shrewd. See, guarded on every side, God guarding this Holy Ghost Gospel. Believe it, brother. All right.

Rev Chp4 Pt3 - 61-0108

Pastor Trying To Be An Evangelist

And my calling was an evangelist. The morning... Laying right here at this cornerstone, if we could burst in there tonight, you'll see a flyleaf off of my Bible where He told me to be an evangelist. See? And I wasn't a successful pastor, never would be, because I haven't got the patience and what it takes to be a pastor. See? So therefore, if I tried to pastor, I would just be as far out as a pastor is trying to be an evangelist.

Questions And Answers - 61-0112

The Evangelist Doesn't Have The Power To Heal

So now, this morning when you come to be prayed for, remember, the Bible has said this, and this is true: James 5:14: "If there be any among you sick, let them call the elders of the church, let them anoint them with oil, and pray over them. The prayer of faith shall save the sick and God shall raise him up." It's a promise if you'll believe it.

Therefore (See?), healing is allotted to the individual. It was in the days of Jesus of Nazareth. He could not heal people against their own faith. He said, "I can, if you believe. If you believe that I'm able to do this, I can do it. If you can believe it."

So, some people throws, throws the power of healing into some other evangelist. It's not that; the power of healing's in you. It's in you. They just put the cart before the horse. The evangelist doesn't have power to heal. It's the Holy Spirit that has power to heal. And you have the Holy Spirit. That's the little tree that you are. And all the things that you have need of is in you. So therefore, you just start drinking from God's promise, saying, "It's the Truth! God said He'd heal me. By His stripes I am healed!" There you are. What do you do? You start pushing out healing; that's all. See! And then others can see what you have.

Faith - 61-0813

Evangelist An Anointed Office

We've seen self-exalted men like that of Uzziah, who tried to take the place of an anointed office. The office of a man in the church is anointed. Not appointed, it's anointed. The church, the pastor, the evangelist, the prophet, the apostle must be the anointed office of God, not elected by man. Men tried to elect that office one time. They cast lots for it, for... Matthias never done nothing, for God chose Paul. And he did something because he was anointed. And we've seen these offices like this... "This is holy bishop so-and-so. This is state so-and-so man. This is so-and-so man." It never amounts to nothing. But when God comes in and takes over, then we see the anointing of the Holy Spirit vindicate the Word of God.

Trying To Do God A Service - 65-1127M

Should Evangelists Continue On The Field?

2. *Should evangelists continue on the field?* In this hour, of course, what they mean. Certainly, by all means; don't change a thing. If Jesus is coming in the morning, preach today like it was going to be ten years from today, but live like it's going to be at this hour.

Don't--don't get scrupled up now. That's why I'm trying to warn you about. See? Just don't be odd, peculiar. Don't change nothing, but if you're doing something wrong, or doing evil, repent (See?), come back to God. Continue on your evangelistic service just as you always did.

QA On The Seals - 63-0324M

His Best Part Is His First Three Years

The fires are burning low, and the interest of the people is drying up. See, we had a revival, lasted for years. History shows that a--a man, an evangelist, usually his best part is his first three years, and after that he lives on the reputation of what he preached in them three years.

Perseverant 62-0719

The Pastor

Complete And Full Authority Of The Church

But the full and complete authority of the church is the pastor. Read that in the Bible; see if that's not Bible order. That's exactly right. There's no one above the elder. I have nothing to do with what Brother Neville does here. That's up to you and Brother Neville. If Brother Neville wanted to preach Jehovah Witness doctrine, that's up to him and you. See? If he wanted to preach anything he wanted

to, that's between you and him. That's all. If the congregation votes for him in there to preach that, that's all right. That's up to him.

We have no bishops and overseers, and boards and so forth, moves this one in and got a lot of authority. There's nobody got authority here but the Holy Ghost. And that's right. He does the moving. And we take Him as the majority of the people, the way the people go.

That's the sovereignty of the local church; the pastor is the head.

But we got a leader, that is the pastor, as long as he's led by the Holy Ghost. True. All right.

You don't have to stick a knife in a man's back to kill him; you can break his character and kill him, kill his influence. Speak against your pastor here, say something bad about him, you just might as well as shot him; told something that wasn't right about him, well, it'll kill his influence with the people and things like that, and you're guilty of it. What Jesus said.

Hebrews Chp 7 Church Order - 57-0922

Losing Respects

If a family ever loses its respect for the family (the children lose the respect to the parents), that family's tore to pieces. If a--if a church ever loses respect of its pastor, why that church is gone.

Questions And Answers - 57-1006

Be Little In The Sight Of God

The way--the way up is down. "He that humbles himself shall be exalted; he that exalts himself shall be abased." Humbled himself... Don't try to be a big something; try to be a little something, but be what you are. See? Be little in the sight of God; be little in your own sight; everybody else is above you. "Let's him's the greatest among you be minister to all."

You'll never live no higher than your pastor. You just remember that. See? And so... 'Cause he's the shepherd that feeds you. If he's the shepherd, he's got to know where the manna is, to feed the--the sheep. Is that right? Now, a little special. And watch this just a minute, the revelation, the hidden manna.

Pergamean Church Age - 60-1207

Congregation And Pastor To Submit To One Another

And we sure have enjoyed this time of fellowship around the Word of God with you fine people. I trust that you'll be faithful now and come to church and obey the teachings of the Bible through our gallant brother here, Brother Neville, which I highly recommend as a servant of the Lord God, and moving on deeper and deeper with God, and I'm so happy for that.

And the little church, I admonish you in the Name of the Lord Jesus to grow in the grace of God; hold yourself steady and look towards Calvary all the time,

taking all the roots of bitterness out of your heart and soul, that God might use you at anytime. If you ever feel to do something, or a revelation or something comes to you strangely, something warningly or something, be careful. Satan is as sly and slick as he can be. See? Put it with the Word of God and consult your pastor.

Submit yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

"Submit yourself..." Congregation, submit yourself to your pastor. Pastor, submit yourself to your congregation. If a little clique rises up, don't be on either side; submit yourself to the whole congregation. Congregation, if you start in a clique, submit yourself to your pastor in the fear of God.

Revelation Chp 4 - 61-0108

Respect The Office Of The Pastor

If you can't respect the man, respect the office he holds in God. That's exactly right, see, respect him. If a minister comes up, your pastor, always respect him. I've heard congregations talk about their pastor, how just talk about him, run him down, ridicule him. How is that pastor ever going to do anything for you? He can't do it. You--you don't, you don't re... I don't say this church, but I mean churches I have seen, that if you... You've got to love your pastor. You've got to know that he's a human being, but yet God has made him His pastor. The Holy Ghost has made him overseer, then you've got to respect him in that manner. And no matter what the pastor's done, if you respect him in your heart, as God's servant, God will respect you for doing it. "He that--he that receiveth Me, receiveth Him that sent Me," Jesus said.

God demands respects for His servants. Then as you respect that servant, you respect God.

Respects - 61-1015E

He's A Burden-Bearer

But, you see, in the church there is the pastor, and that pastor is a special person. He's built to where he can--he can put up with the fusses of the people. He--he--he's a burden-bearer, he's the ox of the team. He--he's a man that can sit down when the... somebody's got something against somebody else, and sit down with them two families (and take neither side) and reason it out and bring it right back into sweetness. See? He--he's a pastor, he knows how to take care of things.

Warning Then Judgement - 63-0724

Pastor Is An Intercessor

And now again, I'd like to say that in this time, that knowing that people holds to your words (they do to their pastor, and of course I've been a pastor; and they hold to a pastor's words) just like it was between death and life. They hold to their priest's words just like it was death and life. And of course the pastor, perhaps with all that he knows how to do, he's teaching his people just exactly like he was

taught in the seminary. No doubt but what the priest also in the different religions that have priests... Course, the pastor really is a priest; it's an intercessor.

Marriage And Divorce - 65-0221M

A Pastor's Solid

If you see him real flighty and going on, you--and he says, "The Lord called me for such and such a--to be a pastor." Now, a pastor can't be a flighty person. A pastor's solid, sound.

Questions And Answers - 61-0112

The Church Will Never Live Higher Than Its Pastor Teaches

It's been one of the most amazing things that I have noticed a long the lines of my ministry for our Lord Jesus, is the peculiarity of people. And the study of human life is one of the greatest things that--that a person can study: to watch nature of people. And the different parts of the nations and worlds to where you go, you'll notice that there's a different--there's a different attitude that people take towards Christ, towards His service, and towards His servants, towards worship. And one of the things has been, that one type of meeting will just be wonderful in one part of the country, where it won't work in the other part of the country.

Now, I believe, mostly to blame for that... Or not to blame, but mostly is the way the people are taught. And the church will never live higher than its pastor teaches. You seldom find that. If you got a good, sound, sane, Gospel teacher, you'll usually find that type of church. And it's just where your pastor leads you, the--the pastors that you feed on.

A Greater Witness Than John - 53-1107

Pastor Must Be Humble, But Not Too Humble

The pastor must be a man that has got a very humble way about him, but not too humble but what he could be like the Lord Jesus Christ when He seen wrong going on in the church, He platted ropes and ran them out of the church. And now the Church of God is the highest of judgment, and the pastor is the highest order in the Church. The elder is the highest thing in the apostolic Church, outside of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit brings His Message straight to the elder, and the elder gives It to the people.

Church Order - 58-1006

Pastors Are Suspicious Of Things, Of The Kind Of Sheep Food

And I think that pastors sometime are suspicious of--of things that they hear, and I think they have a right to be; because if I understand the translation of the word "pastor," it means "a shepherd." And therefore, he is a feeder or herder of a group of men and women of which the Holy Spirit has made him the overseer of,

and he has the right to know what kind of a food his sheep is getting, and where it's coming from. I think he has a right to that, and if a pastor or sometimes people would seem to be just a little bit suspicious, that doesn't never--should not bother anyone. It should only bring a respects to a man's heart, for a man of that--that standing that would question it.

And after all, if you're not sure that you are lined up right, how can you ever walk by faith?

The Godhead Explained - 61-0425B

The Teacher

The Church's Got To Have Teachers

And man's got to have a leader; and the Leader is the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit sets in the church, first apostles, after that, prophets, and so forth.

Someone said not long ago, said, "Why, Brother Branham, we don't need anybody to teach us. When the Holy Ghost comes, we don't need anybody to teach." Said, "The Bible says you do not--not need teaching."

I said, "Then why did the same Holy Spirit set in the church teachers?" See, see? He set the church in order. He was. We got to have teachers. That's right.

But you oughtn't to have anyone... Don't have to teach you saying, "Thou shalt not commit adultery; thou shalt not swear, and take..." You already know that. Your very conscience of the Holy Spirit tells you it's wrong to do that.

But now, as far as Scriptural teaching, it takes a Holy Ghost anointed. That's right. And God has set the church in order by apostles and prophets, and gifts of healing, and miracles, and so forth. He set the church in order and put the teachers and so forth in there to guide and direct His church.

Questions And Answers - 54-0103E

The Holy Ghost Teaches Through A Teacher

Oh, I know there's many rise up, and go out, and say, "Oh, I don't need to go to church anymore. Praise God, the Holy Ghost has come; He's the teacher." When you get that idea, you're just wrong. For why did the Holy Ghost set teachers in the church if He was going to be the teacher? See? There are first apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, and pastors. The Holy Spirit set teachers in the church, so He could teach through that teacher. And if there's--it isn't according to the Word, God doesn't confirm it, then it isn't the right kind of teaching. It must compare with the entire Bible, and be just as alive today as It was then. There's the real thing made manifest.

Hebrews CPT 5 & 6 PT.1 - 57-0908M

He Is A Special Man

The teacher is a special man. He sits back under the anointing of the Spirit and is able to take the Words and put them together by the Holy Spirit, that, the pastor or evangelist either one could not compare with him.

Warning Then Judgement - 63-0724

Teaching Places A Man Positionally

And sometimes I think that preaching is a wonderful thing, but I believe sometimes, Brother Beeler, that teaching goes beyond that, and kindly especially to the church.

Now, preaching usually catches the sinner, brings him under condemnation by the Word. But teaching places a man positionally what he is. And we can never rightly be able to have faith until positionally we know what we are.

Ephesians Parallels Joshua - 60-0515E

Teaching Settles The Church

I remember staying a year and six months in this Book of Revelation in--in the Tabernacle here. That's what I like in--in teaching. I just love teaching. Oh, my. I--I--I think it's wonderful. It gives the basis and settles the church.

And in preaching, now, there's some people that are preachers. They can pick up the Word with inspiration, and sway it out there in places. That's watering the Seeds that the teacher has taught. See? Now, you got to put some Seed in first, and then water it. And the watering comes from the preaching of the Word.

There's a great vast difference between a teacher and a preacher. See? It's two different gifts of the Spirit altogether, two different gifts. And I humbly say this, but I haven't a gift of either.

The Seven Church Ages - 54-0512

God Equips A Man To Teach

When God sends a man to do anything, He completely equips him with everything that he has need of. If God calls a man to be a preacher, He puts something in him to preach with. If He calls him to be a teacher, He puts something in him to teach with.

A Total Deliverance - 59-0712

Teach Deep Things – Anchors Truth In The People's Heart

We notice Paul could teach the Ephesians there, how that before the foundation of the world they were predestinated unto the adoption of the sons of God. Now, he... The Corinthians didn't know anything about that. They just... They had to have a little feeling or something, little sensation: one this, that, and the other, and they depended on that. He couldn't teach them the deep

things.

So I think it's a great, when you got a people that you can teach deep things. And the Holy Spirit can wind these great truths and anchor it into the--the people's hearts so they know where they are standing, sensation or no sensation, prophecy or no prophecy, and whatever it might be.

Corinthians Book Of Correction - 57-0414

Watch Him How He Interprets The Word

“God called me to be a teacher.” And watch him how he interprets the Word. See? He gets It all mixed up and everything, then you can tell. See?

But then, the thing to do, your position is usually known whether you can do it or not.

Questions And Answers - 61-0112

