

“Insure Salvation”

Intro: This morning we have before us a proof text where the Apostle Paul, as he penned these Spirit-breathed words, instructed Timothy in the pastor’s _____, non-negotiable ministerial _____. It is a great blessing of God’s grace toward us that Paul penned these words for we are here instructed in the Christian minister’s primary and _____ ministry.

I. The _____ minister’s true _____ consists of:

A. _____ - _____ maturity which through _____ of Christian character commands respect and garners authority.

1. The minister is to set a high example in Christian _____. The speech spoken of here is in regard to one’s _____ conversation, that which comes from the overflow of his heart.

2. The minister’s _____ is to be exemplary. He is to be a model of _____ in his daily living. The maturity of his actions must match the maturity of his speech.

3. The minister must be a man of God’s _____. The _____ of God is to mark the minister of the gospel as he is to be a clear, mature reflection of the God of all love.

4. The minister must be mature in faith (_____). A man of the Christian faith must be found faithful in the faith, which brings him to be faithful _____.

5. The minister must be a man of _____. Sexual purity in intention and action are to _____ the life of the minister of the gospel. In this he will be respected and his authority regarded.

a. By these the minister will _____ respect and authority not as a superior over an inferior, but as a merciful shepherd over his sheep, as a loving husband over his wife, and as a _____ over his children. His respect and authority will be won not by intimidation but through _____ and example.

B. Giving constant attention (_____) to:

1. _____ – the public reading of the Scripture.

2. Exhortation, where the people of God are _____
to apply the Word of God; to be hearing _____ of the Word.

3. Teaching. Biblical teaching consists of _____
_____ of the Word of God.

C. A refusal to neglect the gift _____ has _____ him as God by His Spirit called, equipped, and ordained him. The minister is faithful to fulfill his ordination by giving constant attention to the _____ God granted him, _____ his gifts for the edification of the church, that there would be the reading, exhortation, and teaching, all confirmed and affirmed by the ministers exemplary Christian example.

D. Taking careful pains in seeing that the ministry as here prescribed is ever-increasingly fulfilled, all while being totally absorbed in the true work of the ministry. He is to _____ in the Word of God and his life and ministry are to follow in that growth, ever maturing, so his _____ as a minister will be a _____ and greatly beneficial to Christ's church.

E. _____ and continuous examination of himself and his teaching, where he holds fast and faithfully continues to carry out the _____ as here instructed. And he understands the weight of this issue and the need for him to exercise his gift for through such Christly sacrificial ministry he _____ his and his hearers' _____!

Closing: As it is _____ who ordains men to the ministry, and Christ who gave some as pastor-teachers to His church, it is the Lord alone then who defines the minister's duties. The true-to-_____ minister must give himself to work of the ministry as God the Holy _____ defines here in the pages of this text.

The true minister can only carry out true ministry as he is given to the Gospel of Christ, by which he then brings the gospel to the congregation. The minister's ministry is to engulf him as he lives an exemplary life; reads, exhorts and preaches the Word all in the careful exercise of his God-granted gifting, for by this _____ . To God be the glory – great things He has done!

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