

A Warning to Ministers

Several years back my wife and I were attending a lukewarm, Laodicean, Calvinist church where the pastor preached (if you want to call it that) from perverted bibles and never taught sound doctrine and didn't get anywhere near "all the counsel of God" when it came to "sound doctrine." Now I didn't realize any of this at the time or I wouldn't have been going, but the Lord put several things in my life to help me realize that I was wasting my time at that church. A big one was that one day I stumbled upon the web site of a "limey" (to borrow a term from Ruckman) fireplug who had a much different tone to his sermon than what I was used to. "...**he spake as one having authority and not as one of the scribes**". (It was John Davis of Time for Truth!)

The sermon was called "A Warning to Ministers" and it hit me between the eyes like a hammer. I realized that with a few exceptions, the points in his message did not describe my pastor at all. My wife and I ended up leaving that church and now go to a much smaller and much less socially acceptable church where the Bible preached without apology and is never "corrected" from the pulpit.

I've included the questions that sermon (which is available on YouTube) [here](#):

I hope that it will cause you to take stock of where you are in your walk with the Lord. If you're a minister, these are great questions to "**examine yourselves**" with, and if you're a layman like me it's a great list to see where your pastor and church are, spiritually.

"For the time *is* come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if *it* first *begin* at us, what shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God?"

1 Peter 4v7

1. *Are you preaching from the Authorized Version Bible or do you allow perverted counterfeits into your pulpit?*

2. *Do you preach "**all the counsel of God**" or only messages that are comfortable for your congregation? Acts 20v27*

3. *Do you preach on the horrors of hell and the judgement of God? Luke 16, Revelation 20*

4. *Are you living right or are you a hypocrite?*

5. *Do you love the preeminence? 3 John 9*

6. *How much time do you spend each week studying the word of God?*

7. *How often do you "correct" the word of God?*

8. *Do you preach ritualism and tradition more than the word of God? Colossians 2v18-23*

9. *Do you seek a reputation rather than to be the man God wants you to be? Philippians 2v7*

10. *Are you fleecing God's sheep or feeding them?*
11. *What kind of example are you to the hearers?* John 13v15, 1 Peter 2v21, 1 Peter 5v3
12. *Are you too attached to money?* 1 Timothy 3v3-8, Titus 1v7, 11, 1 Peter 5v2
13. *Do you really know the Lord or do you just know about Him?*
14. *Do you take a stand where you should?* Acts 5v29
15. *What is your motivation to be a minister? Did God call you or are you self appointed?*
16. *Are you unskilled in the word of God?* Hebrews 5v17
17. *Do you seek popularity, fame, and fortune rather than the heart of God?*
18. *Are you "**rightly dividing the word of truth**" or are you teaching heresy?*
19. *Do you have a love for lost sinners or are you just going through the motions?*
20. *What is your prayer life like?*

What a great list of questions! You don't have to be a minister to be convicted by many of the things on this list. I'm thankful for what God has done in my life by this sermon and I hope that you get something out of it as well!

(Also, if you're offended by anything on here just remember that I am only the messenger, and that you should email the author directly at john@timefortruth.co.uk and tell him where you think he's wrong!:)