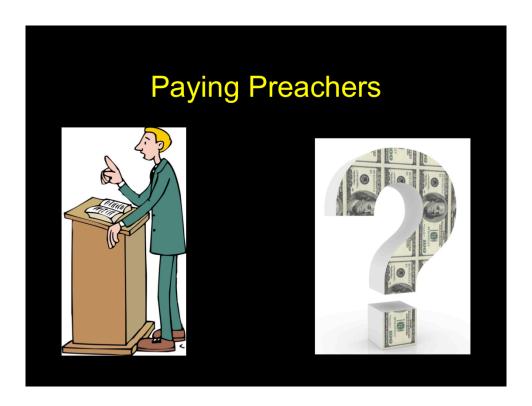


Preacher in 2008, then again 2017
We are working towards hiring a 2<sup>nd</sup> man to work (eventually replace) with me
So, revised to talk about how we will pay a 2<sup>nd</sup> man --



Point: to change our perspective in our \$ relationship with preachers we support..

3 parts – The WORK -- the principle shown – then Paul's view of such from Phil. 4

→ WORK of preaching

# **Preachers**

- Work
- Principle
- Paul's View

# Work • Teaching – 2 Tim. 2:1-2

Teaching – 2 Tim. 2:1-2

→ Reprove / Rebuke / Exhort – 2 Tim. 4:2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

# Work

- Teaching –
- Reprove / Rebuke / Exhort
  - 2 Tim. 4:2

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<sup>2</sup> preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

→ Remind – 2 Tim. 2:14

### Work

- Teaching –
- Reprove / Rebuke / Exhort –
- Remind / Charge 2 Tim. 2:14

Remind / Charge- 2 Tim. 2:14

- <sup>14</sup> Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers.
- → Evangelize proclaim the message

# Work

- Teaching –
- Reprove / Rebuke / Exhort –
- Remind / Charge –
- Evangelize proclaim the message
  - 2 Tim. 4:5

Evangelize – proclaim the message

<sup>5</sup> As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

→ Located ?

### 'Located'?

CAN work where others started
 Timothy sent to Ephesus

Located? (some make 'rules' that are NOT either NT NOR 'enforceable' -- ) Obviously must BE somewhere – but WHERE?

Can work where others started -Timothy sent to Ephesus – 1 Tim. 1:3

- <sup>3</sup> As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine,
- → Can work where have elders

### 'Located'?

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  - Timothy sent to Ephesus
- CAN work where have elders
  - Ephesus had elders

# CAN work where have elders

Ephesus had elders

1 & 2 Tim. Written AFTER Acts ends...

Acts 20: - Paul called for the ELDERS of Ephesus...

→ Can stay in one place

### 'Located'?

- CAN work where others started
  - Timothy sent to Ephesus
- CAN work where have elders
  - Ephesus had elders
- CAN stay in one place
  - Philip Acts 8:40, 21:8

# CAN stay in one place

Philip - Acts 8:40

<sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Some 20 years later -- 21:88 On the next day we departed and came to Caesarea, and we entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him.

→ Live of the Gospel

# Live Of The Gospel

- •1 Cor. 9
- Principle vs. 3-6

### 1Cor. 9:3-6

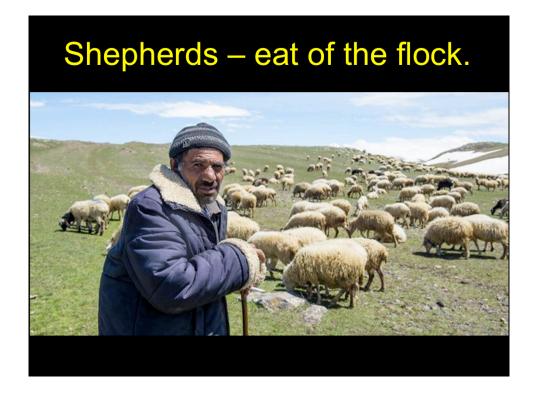
- <sup>3</sup> My defense to those who examine me is this:
- <sup>4</sup> Do we not have a right to eat and drink?
- <sup>5</sup> Do we not have a right to take along a believing wife, even as the rest of the apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas?
- <sup>6</sup> Or do only Barnabas and I not have a right to refrain from working?
- → Illustrations



- <sup>7</sup> Who at any time serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat the fruit of it? Or who tends a flock and does not use the milk of the flock?
- <sup>8</sup> I am not speaking these things according to human judgment, am I? Or does not the Law also say these things?
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OT Priests have their Share from the altar



## Live of the Gospel

- The 'right' vs. 4-5
- Soldier 7
- Vineyard keeper 7
- Shepherd 7
- Ox 8-9
- Farmer 10
- Priests of OT 13
- Jesus' statement 14

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→ Paul's Choice

# Jesus and support

Stay in that house, eating and drinking what they give you; for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not keep moving from house to house. (Luke 10:7)

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# Paul's choice 1Cor. 9:15-18

- It was RIGHT -
- HE chose NOT to –

They thought he is 'not worthy' of support!

1 Corinthians 9:15-18

<sup>15</sup> But I have used none of these things. And I am not writing these things so that it will be done so in my case; for it would be better for me to die than have any man make my boast an empty one.

<sup>16</sup> For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel.

<sup>17</sup> For if I do this voluntarily, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have a stewardship entrusted to me.

<sup>18</sup> What then is my reward? That, when I preach the gospel, I may offer the gospel without charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

It was RIGHT -

He Chose NOT TO

→ THEY misconstrued THAT! 2 Cor. 11:7-8

# Paul's choice

- Preached 'free of charge'
- DID I Sin? (NO!)
- WAS I worthy of support?
  - took wages from OTHER churches!

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2 Cor. 11:7-8

HE chose NOT to – 1 Cor. 9:15-18

They thought 'not worthy' of support (things 'backfire')

He 'did wrong' – (seeing how they viewed his choice)

took $ from OTHER churches

apologized -
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→ Preachers and US

# Philippians 4

- The WANTED to –
- Lacked OPPORTUNITY –
- Shared with Paul 15-16

### How Paul Viewed Such

- A Kindness 14
- A sharing of trouble 14
- A Partnership 15
- Sending HELP for needs 16
- A Gift 17
- A Payment 18
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→ Principle of Giving

# Preachers and US

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- Joe Neil Clayton
- Bryan Nash
- Efrain Perez
- Princeton Simons

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- → How Paul Viewed Such Phil. 4:10-19
- → How Paul View Such Phil. 4

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- Tim Norman
- Jeff Carr
- Earl Robertson
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- Rick Shamas

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# **Church Money?**

- 1 Cor. 16 & 2 Cor. 8-9
- Purpose was unique –
- Principle of providing for needs of congregation

# CHURCHES SENT MONEY!

Concern + Opportunity

Without concern – have a wrong view point of HOW God provides, our responsibility

Without opportunity – but WE ARE NOT WITHOUT SUCH

Three areas of church work -

Edification -

Benevolence to Saints

Evangelism -

In EACH area, the 'church' as a unit provides either support, place, provisions,

Great need – open your eyes, fields white unto harvest ...

OUR need here --

