



Preacher in 2008, then again 2017

We are working towards hiring a 2nd man to work (eventually replace) with me

So, revised to talk about how we will pay a 2nd man --

Paying Preachers



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

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¹ You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus,
² 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.

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

Work

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

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² 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**

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¹⁴ 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

⁵ 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

³ 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' ?

- CAN work where others started
 - 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

⁴⁰ 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

³ My defense to those who examine me is this:

⁴ Do we not have a right to eat and drink?

⁵ 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?

⁶ Or do only Barnabas and I not have a right to refrain from working?

→ Illustrations



Soldiers paid for service

1 Corinthians 9:7-10

7 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?

8 I am not speaking these things according to human judgment, am I? Or does not the Law also say these things?

9 For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle the ox while he is threshing." God is not concerned about oxen, is He?

10 Or is He speaking altogether for our sake? Yes, for our sake it was written, because the plowman ought to plow in hope, and the thresher *to thresh* in hope of sharing *the crops*.

Vineyard Keepers



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Shepherds – eat of the flock.



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Oxen – not muzzled

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Farmer –
plow in
hope
(eats of the
crops)

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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

¹⁵ 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.

¹⁶ 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.

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

¹⁸ 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!

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 -

→ 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
- An offering / sacrifice - 18

Phil. 4

A Kindness 14

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→ Principle of Giving

Preachers and US

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

Jim Blackmon

Tim Stevens

Jeff Carr

Earl Robertson

Zeke Flores

Joe Neil Clayton

→ How Paul Viewed Such Phil. 4:10-19

→ How Paul View Such – Phil. 4

Preachers and US

- Tim Norman
- Jeff Carr
- Earl Robertson
- Zeke Flores
- Joe Neil Clayton
- Rick Shamas
- Tanner Campbell
- Tim Stevens
- Vernon Hawkins
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→ How Paul Viewed Such Phil. 4:10-19

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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 --

