



## EDITORIAL

### PORTRAIT OF A PASTOR

by Paul

In writing to the young minister Timothy, Paul points out the characteristics of a spiritual and successful pastor. We are approaching the time of year when pastoral changes are contemplated, and this sacred relationship between church and pastor becomes more significant. Because of close associations with many churches and their needs, the Apostle is well qualified to point out the essential requirements of the pastoral ministry.

First of all, in 2 Timothy chapter 2, we are reminded that natural ability is not the primary objective. "Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." The ability to demonstrate the love of God in every situation is recommended by the ageing Apostle. Keeness of mind and versatility of personality can never compensate for the pure love of God in a preacher's soul. Paul further states that the truth we preach must be demonstrated by others and deposited in others. The pastor's search is for faithful men who will embrace the truth and in turn share it. Unless our sermons are relived and repitched by our people, the seed falls by the wayside. Paul uses many figures of speech to describe the able minister of God. A soldier, runner, farmer, student, vessel, and a servant.

A GOOD SOLDIER has dis-associated himself from the affairs of life to the point that nothing interferes with the task at hand.

A RUNNER must not only win, but strive lawfully. There are disciplines in the christian life that must find the preacher in

the lead. Too many preachers have a double standard, one for themselves and one for the congregation.

A FARMER should be the first partaker of his labors. If his relationship to God and his fellows is not sweet to his own taste, how can he recommend it to others?

The pastor must be a STUDENT in the true sense of the word. A student of the Scriptures, that he might have the approval of God, that he might enjoy the confidence that comes by adequate preparation, and that his message might be concise and clear.

A VESSEL also he must be, separate from all that dishonors, a vessel filled (sanctified), and a vessel poured out (prepared), unto every good work.

Paul ends his portrait of a pastor with the one word that so vividly describes our Saviour, A SERVANT. The servant of the Lord must not strive and contend, but be gentle, patient, apt to teach. The ministry is no place for a hard-head, who will not receive admonition, and who bristles under every suggestion. Our assignment is to recover captives from the snare of the Devil, to have love and sympathy for others. Self pity is the graveyard of preachers. Pastor, you may be looking for the right kind of church, but remember, some church is looking for the right kind of pastor.

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