

REAL PREACHERS ARE NOT PEOPLE PLEASERS

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It's no secret that many "churches of Christ" have abandoned the type of preaching God demands.

Let's take a few moments and note what the preachers in the early church were like. In so doing, it will be obvious that most who fill pulpits today are not real preachers, but are instead people pleasers.

Preachers as revealed in the New Testament:

- ✓ Were men of deep conviction (2 Timothy 1:12).
- ✓ Did not care about pleasing men (Galatians 1:10).
- ✓ Were not pushovers (Galatians 2:1-5; Jude 3).
- ✓ Openly rebuked sin (Acts 2:36; 1 Timothy 5:20).
- ✓ Delivered clear, pointed messages (Acts 8:18-23).
- ✓ Exposed false teachers (2 Peter 2:1-19).
- ✓ Named names (3 John 9-11; 2 Timothy 2:16-18).
- ✓ Did not let popular opinion dictate the content of the message (2 Timothy 4:1-4).
- ✓ Issued commands to be obeyed, not suggestions to be pondered (Titus 2:15).
- ✓ Preached unmistakable messages about the necessity of godly living (1 Corinthians 6:9-10).
- ✓ Had great concern for the lost (2 Corinthians 5:11; Philippians 3:18).
- ✓ Were willing to suffer (2 Timothy 1:8).
- ✓ Were willing to die for the cause of Christ (Acts 7:51-60; 21:10-13).

Really now, how many who dare to call themselves preachers today even attempt to preach this way?

People pleasing "preachers" need to repent (Ezekiel 3:17-18).