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Not long ago in a small rural congregation a young man approached me and asked my advice about becoming a preacher. I told no one of the young man's plans, but he must have. Immediately his parents, the elders, and many of the members of that congregation began coming to me wishing for me to tell the young man not to become a preacher. The very people that I thought would be of the greatest encouragement to him were wishing to discourage him.

The following are some of the reasons that I was given why he should not become a preacher:

“He has too good a job to quit, he is making good money.”

“He will never be able to get such a good paying job again if he quits the job he has now.”

“Why would he want to quit such a good paying job to do that?”

“He ought to wait until he has enough money saved so that he won't have to ask for hand-outs.”

“Someone has to work to help pay the bills. If he quits and goes to school we will lose his contribution.”

“Preacher's pay is not nearly as good as what he is getting now.”

“He doesn't know what he is getting into. He'll have to deal with a lot of ol' hard heads that don't want to do anything.”

“He is doing the church more good right here. We don't want him going off.”

“He is not a public speaker. He doesn't have the gift of gab. He doesn't know any funny stories.”

“He is too young. He is only 23.”

“He ought to wait a year, maybe by then he will forget it.”

“He ought to wait until he has been a Christian longer. We don't want him becoming a religious fanatic.”

“He hasn't been a Christian long enough. Who wants a younger man telling them how they should live?”

“He ought to wait until he knows more Bible. Why, look at me, I've been a Christian for 40 years and I can't. . .”

“He ought not go, because if he doesn't make it he might not be a Christian anymore. It might make him too ashamed to face the church. Besides, it would embarrass the whole church if he didn't make it.”

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—Continue to remember **Jean Coffee, Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, Jimmy Terry, and Vicki McDaniel.**

—Tests have determined that **Alroy McDaniel**, the father of Kerry McDaniel, has cancer spread throughout his body. The family has asked us to remember him in prayer.

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With attitudes like this, it is no wonder the church is having a harder time finding young men that want to become preachers of the Gospel. I thank God that not every congregation thinks like this.

It is easy to condemn others and to see their faults, so I would like to ask you personally, what have you done lately to encourage a young man to become a preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ?

—Terry Hill
Gospel Advocate via Clinton, Arkansas bulletin

[editor's note — There certainly seems to be less interest among young men in becoming preachers now than even ten or twenty years ago. There used to always seem to be plenty of men to fill in when a preacher was out of town. When I first came to Munfordville in 1992 I would have to make nearly ten calls before I could find someone to fill in for me. Some of them were busy, but often the answer was just simply, "I'd rather not."

So often young men are encouraged to go into careers that can earn high incomes or carry prestigious titles. Highly technical careers are drawing many people. We need Christians in various careers and positions, but a young man should still consider preaching along with a secular career. The Gospel needs to be carried into every corner of the world geographically and socially.

—Marty Edwards]

Sunday, February 13, 2011		
Classes	12	Mark 9:49-10:28
Preaching	23	The Heart
Contribution	\$348.57	
Evening	17	Daniel 5:1-31
Wednesday, February 16, 2011		
Classes	19	Numbers 6:1-27

Visitors— Feb 13 (AM) Lurline Mires (Rex, KY)

Bible Quiz

Belshazzar saw what upon a wall?

Last Week's Answer— Heaven (Daniel 4:11)

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—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)