WHAT I EXPECT FROM THIS CHURCH

The text for the message is Acts 20:28. "TAKE HEED THEREFORE UNTO YOURSELVES, AND TO ALL THE FLOCK, OVER THE WHICH THE HOLY GHOST HATH MADE YOU OVERSEERS, TO FEED THE CHURCH OF GOD, WHICH HE HATH PURCHASED WITH HIS OWN BLOOD." If you followed the leadership of the Holy Spirit and I followed His leadership, the Holy Spirit set me over this church. He led you and He led me. If this be true then I am your pastor according to the direction of God's Spirit. As your pastor I have a right to expect some things of you. I want to list what I have a right to expect of you as individual members. The relationship of a church to her pastor is comparable to that of marriage, so please let me have a honeymoon.

I. I EXPECT YOU TO PRAY FOR ME

The work is huge. The ministry of Grace is of great size. It is varied. Most churches are totally unfamiliar with some areas of your ministry. I could present no greater admonition to you than what Paul presented to the church at Thessalonica, "BRETHREN PRAY FOR ME." I THESS. 5:25.

The work is heavy. It is of weighty import or serious. Paul described what he suffered in II COR. 11:22-27 for the sake of the gospel. In verse 28 he classifies the burden and responsibility of the work with physical suffer-

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WORK." John 9:4. We are to work while we have the time and opportunity because both will soon be gone.

The work is hilly. The load in the Lord's work can become great. Sometimes that load is almost unbearable. It seems at times it is all uphill. We have to fight the flesh, feelings, fellows, and fears to do the work.

II. I EXPECT YOU TO PARTNER WITH ME.

Partner in the work. Paul wrote of one man and said he was a fellow laborer, servant, and minister. Partners in the work strengthen one another.
and help carry the load. Demas is mentioned 3 times in the Bible. He is called a fellow laborer. He appears in a list of names. Paul describes him as a deserter in the Lord's work. 1 Tim. 6:10.

Partner in the way. When you are walking at night or in unfamiliar territory, it is helpful to have partners in the way. There is a lot about the ministry of this church that is unfamiliar to me. You can help me as I become familiar with the work, people, and this area.

Partner in the will of God. We are not in competition with one another. We don't need to take an ego trip and see who gets his way. Jesus prayed to the Father, "NOT MY WILL, BUT THINE BE DONE." As a church and as individuals we need to pray, not for what we want, but rather for what the Lord wants. As pastor and church we may pray for the Lord's will to be done.

Partner in the warfare. Paul reminds the Ephesians, "FOR WE WRESTLE NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD, BUT AGAINST PRINCIPALITIES, AGAINST POWERS, AGAINST THE RULERS OF THE DARKNESS OF THIS WORLD, AGAINST SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS IN HIGH PLACES." Ephes. 6:12. We are to fight the good fight of faith. Help me fight. Be a warrior with me for the Lord. I don't need you to be behind me as much as I need you right beside me fighting for the right. Paul told Timothy, "THOU THEREFORE ENDURE HARDNESS, AS A GOOD SOLDIER OF JESUS CHRIST. NO MAN THAT WARRETH ENTANGLETH HIMSELF WITH THE AFFAIRS OF THIS LIFE...." 2 Tim. 2:3, 4.

I EXPECT YOU TO PROVIDE FOR ME.

Provide finances. I am not preaching for money, but my family has to live. We have needs just like you. My clothes, cars, home, etc., will reflect in some way on the church. I am God's man and your pastor. It takes money to maintain and present myself properly in our society.

You men look after my needs. Take care of this matter for me. You realize what inflation is doing to you. It is doing the same thing to me. Inquire at other churches of like size and finances to see if you are paying your pastor properly. Worrying over finances will affect the work of the pastor. It may weaken and distract him to the point he will not be as effective as he should. Paul wrote to the Corinth church and admonished them, "EVEN SO HATH THE LORD ORDAINED THAT THEY WHICH PREACH THE GOSPEL SHOULD LIVE OF THE GOSPEL." 1 Cor. 9:14.

Provide fellowship. Fellowship has been defined as two fellows in the same ship. They must co-operate or they can accomplish nothing. Your pastor needs fellowship. Fellowship strengthens, encourages, and keeps a pastor going. The basis or grounds of fellowship is walking in the light as He is in the light. 1 John 1:7, "BUT IF WE WALK IN THE LIGHT AS HE IS IN THE LIGHT, WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP ONE WITH ANOTHER..." The pastor constantly administers to the troubled, tearful, tested, and the terrified. He may find people only want to see him when they have problems, but seldom if ever will people knock on his door just to visit with him and offer the fellowship that the soul cries out for.

Church people do meet this need for a while right after a pastor moves on the field, but soon he is only contacted when the troubled need help. The man of God begins to feel how lonely it is trying to pastor the Lord's people. Offer and provide the warmth of Christian fellowship for your pastor.

Provide friendship. Be a friend to your pastor and his family. They need friends. When you leave a place where you have made friends and start pastoring another church where you know very few if any of the members it can and does feel lonely and friendless.

Pastors cannot let their hair down with everyone. Only a few people provide friendship for the pastor and his family. Friends love at all times. Friends overlook a lot of small things. Friends are always there when they are needed. A friend in need is a friend in deed. I thank the Lord I have some friends at every church that I have pastored. They are still a part of me and a part of my life. It is a real blessing to renew old friendships.

The pastor must stand at a distance so he can faithfully and rightfully judge the needs of his people. He must also get close enough to them to love them in all circumstances. It is hard to hit the happy medium for the pastor. Are you a friend or a foe to your pastor?

Provide faithfulness. Give me a chance to be your pastor. I am not the man your former pastor is. I have my own identity. We are alike in some ways and yet we are completely different. I cannot be him nor can he be me. He is closer to me than a brother. He is my brother in Christ.

Open up your hearts and accept me as your pastor. So many hurt the church when a pastor leaves. They determine not to come back even though they have been taught differently. I love you now and I know my love for you will grow. PLEASE love me and be fair with me as I will strive to be with you. I am already amazed at the way we have been received. We feel your love and concern.

IV. I EXPECT YOU TO PLAN WITH ME.

Plan for the Master. The LORD taught plainly that we should plan for the future. "FOR WHICH OF YOU INTENDING TO BUILD A TOWER, SITTEST NOT DOWN FIRST, AND COUNTETH THE COST, WHETHER HE HAVE SUFFICIENT TO FINISH IT?" Luke 14:28. Jesus reminds us if we are going to build a tower or go into battle that we must first count the cost. We must remember that it will cost us...
to go through with our plans but it might cost us more to fail to carry through with our plans.

This church has a wonderful and enriching ministry. Your pastor was led of God to plan and motivate God’s people in establishing this ministry that has the potential of reaching literally millions of people. Let us plan and work to carry out the plans to enlarge and make the ministry of Grace even greater.

The LORD’S people must have plans and goals to work toward. We must be challenged and interested enough to tackle greater things for the Lord. Help me plan for the Master.

Plan for the membership. Plans need to be made to further and add to the ministry of our own members. Many members are lost to the work and other churches because of neglect or people ignoring them.

We can provide the love and care and compassion for people that need it so desperately. There are people who are in the hospitals that we can minister to. There are people who are troubled and burdened with the toil and trail of life. God help us to develop and express the gift of encouragement, admonishing, and exhorting our brethren in the Lord.

What are your plans for our church? How involved are you in carrying out those plans for the work? I trust and pray that you are an active and supporting member of our church.

Plan for the ministry of this church. Grace is a missionary Baptist church in word and deed. We have a radio program that can reach several million people. We have a printing ministry that is unlimited. We have a tape ministry that is enriching the lives of God’s people. Our church is preaching, teaching, and reaching out to others. It is truly a great ministry, but it can become an even greater ministry. May we plan to reach out into more fields of labor. Let’s keep on sounding out the Word of God.

Plan for man. Men are lost and dying and on the road to hell. The total work of the Lord’s churches is to reach man with the message of salvation. God wants to save man’s soul and life.

The apostle Paul’s life was given to the preaching of the gospel. Paul accounted himself a debtor to the Greeks, Barbarians, and yea, to all men. He was ready to preach the gospel of Christ. Romans 1:14, 15. Paul reveals his heart in Romans 10:2, “BRETHREN, MY HEART’S DESIRE AND PRAYER TO GOD FOR ISRAEL IS, THAT THEY MIGHT BE SAVED.”

We need to reach out and touch someone today. Without Jesus man is nothing, has nothing and can do nothing. God help us to point men to Jesus as John the Baptist did. John pointed his disciples to Jesus and said, “BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD, WHICH TAKETH AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD.” John 1:29.

A pastor has the right to expect some things of the church he pastors. There are some things we ought to expect of our churches as we minister to them. God help churches to help meet and provide the needs of their pastors.

Notice again the four points of the message:

1. I expect you to pray for me.
2. I expect you to partner with me.
3. I expect you to provide for me.
4. I expect you to plan with me.

A good understanding makes for a long friendship. A wonderful and rewarding relationship can exist between a pastor and a church if both work at it.

I preached this message on April 12, 1981, to the Grace Missionary Baptist Church. Every preacher ought to let his people know what is expected of them.

````` CUT ME A DOOR IN THE MIDDLE, BILL, AND MARK IT 'GOD'S WAY'!” ```
OBEDIENCE
BY
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TEXT: I SAMUEL 15:16-23

INTRODUCTION:
A. In the FORMATION of our beliefs and convictions - the things that mold and make our character - we should never eliminate the Scriptures.
B. In FACT - we should allow the Holy Spirit to use the Scriptures to mold and make our character - so that our lives will become conformed to the very image of Christ.
C. In all the FACETS of our lives - we should consider the teaching of the scripture on any given subject.
D. We shall FOCUS our attention today on the subject of OBEDIENCE as we notice:
   I. THE REALITY THAT NEEDS TO BE REALIZED
   II. THE REFLECTION THAT NEEDS TO BE RATIONALIZED.
   III. THE RESPONSE THAT WILL BE REWARDED.

I. THE REALITY THAT NEEDS TO BE REALIZED.
A. The Reality - God puts a high premium on Obedience.
B. The Revelation of this Reality.
   1. Gen. 2:16-17
   2. Gen. 3:11
   3. The one thing or condition for man abiding in the Garden of Eden was obedience.
   4. The demand for obedience as the one thing that is to decide his destiny is as supreme as the claim and authority of God.
   5. Now - look at the last Book and Chapter of the Bible - Rev. 22:14
   6. Obedience is the one that that gives access to the tree of life and the favor of God.
   7. Further enlightenment is seen in Rom. 5:19 - "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the OBEDIENCE of one shall many be made righteous.
      a. Heb. 5:8-9
      b. Phil. 2:8-9
   8. The Whole redemption of Christ consists in restoring obedience to its rightful place.
   9. Through Christ's Obedience He brings us back to the life of obedience - through which the Creature can give the creator the glory due to Him - or re-

ceive the glory of which His Creator desires to make him a partaker.

II. THE REFLECTION THAT NEEDS TO BE RATIONALIZED
A. The PLACE where we should go to do this reflection - The Scriptures. Rom. 15:4
B. The PEOPLE which reveal this principle for our rationalization.
   1. Noah
      a. Gen. 6:22, 7:5, 7:9, 7:16
      b. 4 times we see the expression - "According to all that God command ed him, so did he."
      c. God can only entrust his work to those who will obey Him.
   2. Abraham
      a. Heb. 11:8
      b. Gen. 22:16-18
      c. Gen. 26:3-5
      d. The way to be a blessing to the world is through OBEDIENCE.
   3. Moses - Exod. 19:5
   4. Saul
      a. I Sam. 13:8-14
      b. I Sam. 15:22-23
   5. Jesus
      a. Heb. 10:9
      b. John 5:30
   7. James 1:22
   8. I Peter 1:22
   9. The Whole acceptance of the truth of God was not merely a matter of intellectual assent or strong emotion; it was a subjection of the life to the dominion of the truth of God.

III. THE RESPONSE THAT WILL BE REWARDED.
A. The Statement - the starting point and the goal of our Christian life can be summed up in the term OBEDIENCE.
B. The Salvation - Redemption - Regeneration
   1. Entering the kingdom of God hinges on OBEDIENCE.
   2. Matt. 7:21
C. The Service - Rewards
   1. Enjoying the higher plane of living and receiving rewards hinges on the subject of OBEDIENCE.
   2. John 14:15-17, 21, 23
THE HIGH COST OF CHRISTIANITY

By MIKE EVANS


1. Christianity has become a watered down word.
2. Christianity costs, and it costs dearly. It cost:
   a. God His only begotten Son
   b. Christ His life
   c. All the apostles (except John) their lives
   d. Stephen his life
   e. 50 million believers their lives during the Dark Ages.
3. We call ourselves Christians; are we really? Can we say that we are willing to pay the price necessary to claim that most precious title of Christian? Acts 11.
4. May we "count the cost" and see if we are willing to be a disciple (learner). Believers can be born again, yet not be a disciple of Christ.

I. COUNTING THE COST MEANS EXAMINATION (v 28-30)
   A. We need to examine the situation to see if being Christ-like is what we really want. Is it worth the sacrifice?
   1. This decision requires a deliberate look at all the consequences of deciding to live for Christ.
   2. Irreparable harm is also done by those who are believers, yet have:
      a. half-hearted service
      b. spasmodic concern for the Lord's work
      c. hot and cold lives that are viewed by the world (Good is the worst enemy of best)
      d. Sometimes God is made a mockery through His own people.
      e. David gave cause for God's name to be blasphemed.
   B. We must weigh the balances - a complete Christ-centered life on one hand; disobedience on the other.
   1. A close examination tells us that being a disciple is worth the cost. (It pays to live for Him.)
   2. The have the Lord pleased is the greatest joy a person can know.
      a. Millions of dollars and hours are spent trying to please others.
      b. How much time do we spend trying to please the Lord who saved us? (If He is 2nd, 3rd, 15th, or not even on the list, our priorities are wrong.)
   C. We need to examine the high cost of Christianity to see for ourselves just what we will have to pay.

II. COUNTING THE COST MEANS DETERMINATION
   A. Determination means to be resolved by the grace of God to carry out His business for the rest of our lives.
   1. This business is not for the faint-hearted - those who falter when the going gets tough. (No army will ever succeed this way.)
   2. Christ had strong words for those who enter into His work with the thought of leaving when the heat is on. (Luke 9:62)
   3. Our stand will cost the price of self-denial; also conflict with our desires.
   4. It may cost reputation, liberties, worldly friends, but we must purpose in our hearts to pay the cost.
   B. Examples of some determined to count and pay the cost:
      1. Nehemiah on the wall - determined not to come down and mix with Sanballat and Tobiah.
      2. Stephen was determined to be a Christian, to speak the gospel to the Sanhedrin, to die as a Christian.
      3. Paul was determined to carry out the business of the Lord no matter what the cost.
         a. "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel!!" 1 Cor. 9:16
         b. 11 Tim. 4:18.
         c. The reason - Paul feared God and loved Him more than the world, and even himself; that is why he could honestly say in review of his life in 11 Tim. 4:7.
   C. We can be determined to pay the cost because the prize is worth much, much more than the cost.
      2. Phil. 4:19.
      3. We can be determined to pay the cost because we can see our reward at the end.

III. COUNTING THE COST MEANS REGULATION
   A. The answer to this lifelong problem - Gal. 2:20.
      1. His life in me living (saved)
      2. His heart in me living - 1 John 5:1
      3. His mind in me thinking - Phil. 2:5
      4. Depression, confusion, apathy caused in Christians who will not pay the cost, yet want to claim the prize.
   B. The sum of the whole matter about a believer:
      1. If he comes not with a full purpose always to be Christ-like;
      2. If he means not to be determined through trials and tribulations;
         HE CANNOT BE A DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST!
BUILDING
A LIFE

TEXT: MATTHEW 7:24-29

INTRODUCTION:
A. Life is from God! Acts 17:24-25.
B. Life has DIVINE PURPOSE! Isaiah 43:7
C. There is a life that is DEAD WHILE LIVING! 1 Timothy 5:6
D. THE ART OF LIVING...June Masters Bacher
   "BE INTERESTED.
   DON'T TRY TO BE INTERESTING.
   BE PLEASING.
   DON'T EXPECT TO BE PLEASED.
   BE ENTERTAINING.
   DON'T WAIT TO BE ENTERTAINED.
   BE HELPFUL.
   DON'T ASK TO BE HELPED.
   BE LOVABLE.
   DON'T WAIT TO BE LOVED."

I. WHAT "NATURE, QUALITY" OF LIFE DO I WANT TO BUILD?
A. A Happy life? God has the prescription. Psalm 1:1-2
B. A Successful Life? (BY WHOSE STANDARDS?) Joshua 1:7-8
C. A God-honoring Life. 1 Cor. 10:31; Phil. 1:20b
D. A CHRIST-MAGNIFYING LIFE? Gal. 6:14
E. A Church-building Life?
F. A life that INSPIRES FAITH, LOVE, AND GOOD WORKS in others?
   1. Phil. 1:14
   2. The Christian life designed for such:
      a. Matt. 5:16
      b. Heb. 10:24
G. A LIFE THAT WILL LIVE ON TO BLESS AND CHALLENGE OTHERS AFTER WE ARE GONE? Rev. 14:13

II. ARE YOUR PRIORITIES IN ORDER?
A. God to King Hezekiah, II Kings 20
B. LIFE IS SHORT! PLAN IT WISELY! Psalm 90:12, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom."
   JESUS...John 9:4. USE IT WHILE YOU HAVE IT!
C. ASK GOD TO BE YOUR "SENIOR PARTNER!"
   1. I Chron. 29:11-12
   2. God sends the rain. Matt. 5:45
   3. He rules in the kingdom of men. Dan. 4:32
   4. Psalm 127:1

D. ACQUIRE A "WORKING KNOWLEDGE" OF GOD'S BLUEPRINT, THE BIBLE!
   1. God is the God of order.
   2. Things don't just "happen," or "fall into place!"
   3. Those who make God's Word their blueprint testify...
      a. Psalm 19:10
      b. Psalm 19:7

E. HITCH YOUR WAGON TO A REAL "STAR!"
   1. The success of Israel was dependent on their following "THE CLOUD BY DAY" and "THE PILLAR OF FIRE BY NIGHT."
   2. Zechariah 4:6b

F. TAKE JESUS AS YOUR "HERO!"
   1. He is the Victor!
   2. He can enable us to BE CONQUERORS! Romans 8:37

III. BUILD ON THE RIGHT FOUNDATION
A. Build on the "Rock, Christ."
   1. Psalm 62:2
   2. Many are the 'storms" and "11 winds" which blast at such a life... THE FOUNDATION IS SURE.
B. Build on the "Rock, the Word." vs. 24
   1. "Hear His Word.
   2. Do it.

IV. SOME MATERIAL NEEDED TO BUILD A LIFE SUCH AS I HAVE SOUGHT TO SET FORTH:
A. Humility, Luke 18:14; James 4:10
B. THE SHIELD OF FAITH:
   1. Heb. 11:6
   2. II Cor. 5:7
   3. I John 5:4
C. LOVE for God and man, I Cor. 13:1-3.
D. WORK, WORK, WORK!!!
   1. Eccl. 11:4
   2. Prov. 24:30-31

CONCLUSION:
A. This message is seasoned and time honored. It is more than a "rerun!" God's Word tells us IT WILL WORK. Try it.
PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY

THE TRAITS WE SHOULD DESIRE
By JOHNNY WILLIAMS

Last time in our study of James 1:19-21 we said that these verses of scripture address two important areas of our lives that we should strive to let be controlled by God. Those were (1) Our Attitudes and (2) Our Actions. We discussed the first attitude which was "Our Attitude Toward God's People" or our fellow church members. Let's look again at vs. 19-20, "WHEREFORE MY BELOVED BRETHREN, LET EVERY MAN BE SWIFT TO HEAR, SLOW TO SPEAK, SLOW TO WRATH: FOR THE WRATH OF MAN WORKETH NOT THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD."

1. SWIFT TO HEAR

In the depersonalized society of which we are all a part, many of us have developed the bad habit of "tuning people out." We sit and appear to listen, but we hear almost nothing of what is being said. A Christian who desires to help people in need must learn to be "swift to hear."

When people come to us for help, the thing they want most is a sympathetic ear. What comfort it is to have someone who can tell our burdens and troubles, and know they are willing to listen patiently, prayerfully, and sympathetically. Advice is always helpful, but good listening is essential. No one can give good advice until he has first listened.

In Romans 15:1 we are told, "WE THAT ARE STRONG OUGHT TO BEAR THE INFIRMITIES OF THE WEAK, AND NOT TO PLEASE OURSELVES." This verse teaches us that strong Christians ought to bear the infirmities of the weak. The Greek word translated "infirmities" is the word "Asthenema" which is derived from the word "Astheneo" which means, "to be feeble (in any sense)." If we are to obey the command in this verse we must be "swift to hear."

II. SLOW TO SPEAK

This is closely associated with being a poor listener. Why do we feel we must say something in every situation? Sometimes a shake of the hand, a pat on the back, or a smile may speak more meaningfully to the need of a person, than a thousand words. The feeling is that no matter what happens we still love that person is sometimes the one thing that will cause a person to come to grips with a problem and solve it. It has also been known to keep a person who is discouraged in faithful service for God.

However, our problem may not be that we speak too quickly, instead we may be prone to leave the most important things unsaid. We have no problem talking about fashions, weather, politics, or world affairs. But we become quiet and hesitant when opportunities come to bear witness of what God has done for us and what He wants to do for others. The advice of James is still good though and can be used even in this situation. We should pray for God to open the door of opportunity to witness and then let the Holy Spirit do the convicting. Many souls continue not to be won for Christ because of Christians who "hound" people instead of just simply witnessing to them. Convicting is not our job. TELLING IS! We should never be hesitant to witness to others about Christ, but let's allow God to do the convicting. Many people talk too much.

III. SLOW TO WRATH

Anger is most frequently expressed by the spoken word. Often we say things in the heat of anger we would never dream of saying in calmer moments. We must always remember that the spoken word can never be called back, and often its damage is irreparable. No wonder James said so much about the control of the tongue in Chapter 3:1-12. We will study that passage in a later lesson.

Throughout the Bible, the danger of anger is emphasized. Jesus said in Matt. 5:22, "BUT I SAY UNTO YOU, THAT WHOSOEVER IS ANGRY WITH HIS BROTHER WITHOUT A CAUSE SHALL BE IN DANGER OF THE JUDGEMENT." Paul also wrote in Eph. 4:31, "LET ALL BITTERNESS AND WRATH, AND ANGER, AND CLAMOUR, AND EVIL SPEAKING, BE PUT AWAY FROM YOU WITH ALL MALICE." Then again in Col. 3:8 we read, "BUT NEW YE ALSO PUT OFF ALL THESE: ANGER, WRATH, MALICE, BLASPHEMY, FILTHY COMMUNICATION OUT OF YOUR MOUTH." There is mention of righteous indignation or some recognition of holy anger in the Bible. However, scriptures do not support the idea that we are doing God's will and purpose when we act out of uncontrollable anger. This is a weakness in the lives of many people. With God's help we can learn to control it.

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    ROMANS 9:1-3
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   B. TRUST GOD TO SUPPLY OUR NEEDS.
   C. TRUST GOD TO SAVE LOST MAN.
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   A. TROUBLED ABOUT OUR OWN CONDITION.
   B. TROUBLED ABOUT LOST SOULS.
   C. TROUBLED ABOUT BACKSLIDEN MEMBERS.
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   C. TRAVAIL IN WINNING THE SAVED TO SERVICE.
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