

PREACHERS CONFERENCE #1 - INVESTING IN SOULS

1 CORINTHIANS 3:6 & 15:58

The product may not be visible, but the process remains vital. The proof may seem vacant, but our pains are not in vain. The project must be our venture but produce comes from the Vine.

I. INVESTING IN SECONDS

- A. Remember that our (TIME) is all we possess on earth
 - 1. Communist lie > slavery / each moment owned
 - 2. God's truth > work is rewarded (2 THESS. 3:10)
 - 3. God HONORS the industrious woman (PROV. 31:31)
- B. Well-known preacher: "The world run by tired people"
 - 1. Anything worth doing is hard (bivoc. ministry)
 - 2. Discipline ourselves to recharge MATT. 14:23
- C. Read a good BAPTIST book (Ex. *Authority Principle*)

II. INVESTING IN SALVATION

- A. Teaching principle: Tell, show, tell
 - 1. Phoned in? Or personal? Passionate? Precise?
 - 2. Example: Ads on peace during COVID in 2020
- B. Plan: Reject man fear, Relay simple scripture, Recount your testimony, and REQUEST MORE TIME!
 - 1. Basic Bible Truths - "Know enough to decide"
 - 2. It truly takes time (Six weeks for BBT)
- C. Sometimes they reject, but sometimes you baptize!

III. INVESTING IN SERVANTS

- A. The best members deserve your best time ACTS 6:3
 - 1. In business they call it the 80/20 rule
 - 2. In ministry we may not be so rigid! (INVESTORS)
- B. Invest in those who have a mind to work! (NEH. 4:6)

IV. INVESTING IN SUBORDINANTS

- A. Pastors and managing others - difficult transitions
- B. Some aren't ready, some need counsel (Mark & Timothy)
- C. Some understand the direct approach but not others

V. INVESTING IN SNAKES

- A. Church splits, false teachers of error, and wolves
- B. Loving but carefully circumspect PHIL. 3:3-4

WEBSTER'S 1828 - TIME - "In its original sense, opportunity, occasion, a fall, an event, that which comes. Alternately, a proper time; a season. Ex. There is a time to every purpose. Ecclesiastes 3:1."

2 THESS. 3:10 - "For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat."

PROV. 31:31 - "Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."

MATT. 14:23 - "And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone."

ACTS 6:3 - "Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business."

INVESTORS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT:

- Elijah invested in Elisha (time and double portion)
- David invested in Solomon (laid up raw materials)
- Salmon invested in Boaz (not seen, an unsung father)
- Samuel invested in Saul (not a mistake but not received)
- Noah invested in PREACHING (but only his family got aboard)

INVESTORS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT:

- Jesus Christ invested in the Samaritan Woman (must needs)
- Barnabas invested in Saul (when no one else would)
- Paul invested in Timothy and Titus, but also John Mark
- Lois invested in Eunice and in Timothy (unfeigned faith)
- Jesus invested in Judas Iscariot (and knew the whole time)

NEH. 4:6 - "So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work."

PHIL. 3:3-4 - "For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. (4) Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more:"

SUCCESS - "By some estimates, only 20 percent of investment professionals are successful investors."