

Preaching without Words

Scripture reading: 2 Corinthians 3:3

Let us talk a little bit more about FEEDING THE FLOCK OF GOD by being examples unto the flock. You feed the flock by example. Let me tell you something: people are hardly hearing what you say, they hear what you do. Oh, yes! They are hardly hearing what you say. You believe me that of what you hear me speak only 20% is going to stay with you, unless the Holy Ghost brings something back to you. But you are addicted to doing what you see me do.

Many times my wife, Mavis, and I will walk into a place and say nothing at all. We go in, we say good night, we go to bed, and the people are blessed and delivered. Oh, yes! We went into a house one time and it was late night. We went to bed, we slept, we got up, and we came out the next morning. By the next morning the telephone rang and the brother, the man of the house, was told what a horrible set of people we are. He said, "No, it is not true! These people came into my house and I had problems in my house. But since they came the problems left and we have been delivered."

Why? Because there is a spirit that goes with you. If you just finished quarreling at home and beating your wife and go to the church and preach, that whole thing is going to let loose on that congregation without your knowing it. That spirit is going to take charge of them. Do you see what I am saying?

I am saying, brethren, that we preach, WE FEED THE FLOCK BY EXAMPLE. An example is the greatest method of feeding the flock and there is no way you can deceive the flock. The flock tastes the food and it is bitter. They don't know why it is bitter; you don't know why it is bitter. The words were right, everything was quite in order, but the flock tasted a little bitterish taste. God is saying that as we begin to be careful one with another so that we feed one another in the Spirit, we are going to find that the very person that you just finished feeding turns around and is a strength to you and feeds you back.

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