

A Different Man in the Pulpit

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A true minister of God should strive to be the same man in and out of the pulpit, living a life of integrity and authenticity.

Scripture: Proverbs 10:9, Matthew 5:16, 2 Corinthians 8:21, Ephesians 4:1, Philippians 2:15, Colossians 3:23, 1 Thessalonians 2:10, 1 Timothy 3:2, James 1:22, 1 Peter 5:2-3

Topics: "Integrity", "Authenticity in Ministry"

Description

A.W. Tozer emphasizes the importance of integrity in the life of a pastor, arguing that a true servant of God should not change his character or demeanor when entering the pulpit. He warns against the hypocrisy of being a different person in ministry than in everyday life, advocating for a consistent spirit of reverence and authenticity. Tozer calls for pastors to embody the same values and behaviors in all aspects of their lives, ensuring that their public ministry reflects their private character.

Transcript

You are witnesses, and God also, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe.... --1 Thessalonians 2:10

I am afraid of the pastor that is another man when he enters the pulpit from what he was before. Reverend, you should never think a thought or do a deed or be caught in any situation that you couldn't carry into the pulpit with you without embarrassment. You should never have to be a different man or get a new voice and a new sense of solemnity when you enter the pulpit. You should be able to enter the pulpit with the same spirit and the same sense of reverence that you had just before when you were talking to someone about the common affairs of life. Worship: The Missing Jewel of the Evangelical Church, 29.

"Lord, help me to be a man of impeccable integrity. Give me the grace to be the same man, whether in the pulpit, in a board meeting, caught in rush hour traffic, or at dinner with my wife. Amen."

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