

A Faithful Minister

by Thomas Brooks

A faithful minister is honored when their people are transformed by their ministry, becoming more like Christ in knowledge, wisdom, love, humility, and holiness.

Scripture: Acts 20:28, Ephesians 4:11-12, Colossians 1:28-29, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, 1 Timothy 5:17, 2 Timothy 2:15, 2 Timothy 4:2, Hebrews 13:17, James 3:1, 1 Peter 5:2-3

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Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the profound honor and responsibility of faithful ministers, as highlighted in 1 Timothy 5:17. He describes the labor of a minister as one that requires immense toil and dedication, transforming the lives of their congregation from darkness to light, from pride to humility, and from worldliness to spirituality. The true measure of a minister's success is seen in the growth and maturity of their people, reflecting the knowledge, wisdom, love, humility, and holiness imparted through their ministry. Brooks calls for recognition and respect for those who labor diligently in the word and doctrine, as they play a crucial role in the spiritual development of the church.

Transcript

"Let the elders who rule well be accounted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine." 1 Timothy 5:17

The which is here rendered labor, signifies not simply to labor--but to labor with much travail and toil, to labor even to exhaustion, as he does who chops wood, or who toils in harvest, or who goes to battle.

Oh what an honor is it to a faithful minister, when he . . .
found the people dark and blind--but left them enlightened;
found them dead--but left them alive;

found them a proud people--but has left them humble;
found the people profane--but has left them holy;
found them a carnal people--but has left them spiritual;
found them a worldly people--but has left them heavenly;
found them a wavering people--but has left them settled and rooted.

Oh, it is an honor to faithful ministers,

when their people are like them in . . .

knowledge,

wisdom,

love,

humility,

holiness!

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