

# Unholy Ministers

by Thomas Brooks

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*Ministers must live a heavenly life that reflects Christ's life in order to be effective in their ministry and lead their flocks to God.*

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## Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the critical importance of ministers living out their faith authentically, arguing that their lives should reflect the heavenly doctrines they preach. He warns that unholy ministers can lead their congregations astray through their careless and sinful lifestyles, undermining the very message they proclaim. Brooks asserts that a minister's life often speaks louder than their words, and that a true minister should exemplify Christ in all aspects of life. He highlights the responsibility of ministers to be role models in love, faith, and purity, as their example can either uplift or destroy the souls they shepherd.

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## Transcript

"Watch your life and doctrine closely." 1 Timothy 4:16

Heavenly doctrines should always be adorned with a heavenly life.

Ministers must preach Christ as well in their life--as in their doctrine. They must not be hot in the pulpit, and cold and careless in their lives. The lives of ministers oftentimes convince more strongly than their words; their tongues may persuade--but their lives command.

What is it, which renders the things of God so contemptuous and odious in the eyes of many people--but the ignorance, looseness, profaneness, and baseness of those who are the dispensers of them. Unholy ministers pull down instead

of building up. Oh the souls who their lives destroy! These,  
by their loose lives, lead their flocks to hell--where they  
themselves must lie lowermost!

Wicked ministers do more hurt by their lives--than  
they do good by their doctrine. Every minister's  
life should be a commentary upon Christ's life!

"Be an example to all believers in what you  
teach, in the way you live, in your love, your  
faith, and your purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

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