

# 7 Things Preachers Can't Do

Some think the preacher can solve all their problems, know all the answers, and have the Bible memorized.

# Do you remember?

When I have children they won't - - -

When I get married my spouse will - - -

My kids won't make noise in church.

I will give my kids all the time they want.

When I preach the church wont - - -

If we had a better youth program - - -

# Confession time

Before marriage, before children – we have our ideals and goals

A Ph. D. in Psychology wrote a book with this preface – When I graduated I had no children and 3 theories. Now I have 3 children and no theories.

I confess – there are things I can't do.

# 1 Love God for You

**1 John 5:3a** For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments.

Remember the Rich Young Ruler

Jesus loved him – but could not make him love God and obey the commands.

## 2 Make you love the brethren

Just study 1 Corinthians – all of the fussing, arguing and division among them

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7** 4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things. endures all things.

# 3 Worship for You

**Matthew 4:10b** For it is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.

**John 4:24** God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

Worship is both **corporate** (all together) and **individual** – pray, sing, study, partake of communion, give

# 4 Mediate for You

Many look on the preacher as a priest, a mediator, one with a special connection to God

Each Christian is a priest of God **Revelation 1:6** and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

See also 1 Peter 2:5 – a holy priesthood

1 Peter 2:9 – a royal priesthood

# 5 Spread gospel for You

Great Commission is not just for preachers

**Acts 8:4** Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.

The gospel went to Rome – where no apostle had been.

# 6 Make your Choices

We face choices every day

Some easy, simple – no consequences

Some are moral or spiritual – and we must deal with the consequences

Preacher can preach on morals – but he can not make the choices when you are facing it

# 7 Make you go to heaven

**Romans 10:1-3** 1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. 2 For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.  
See also **Romans 9:1-3**

# **What is your choice?**

**The invitation song is a time to think about your life and your relationship with God.  
It is an opportunity to be washed from your sins in baptism.  
It is an opportunity for Christians to ask for prayer and forgiveness.**