

Feeding God's Children His Word

If you don't get the weak and dramatic Christians over into the Word and their tongues saying what the Word says, they will live their whole lives in the crisis mode. They look for sympathy and pity and they want you to coddle them. If you don't, they'll say you're mean spirited, you don't walk in love and you're rude and impolite.

But if you, as a minister, really love people, and you have their best interest at heart, you're going to help them grow and develop spiritually by feeding them the Word of God.

Jesus said to Peter, who was eventually going to become a pastor, in John 21:15 – 17, **So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.**

He saith to him again the second time, **Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.** He saith unto him the third time, **Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?**

Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, **Feed my sheep.**

What are sheep to feed on? *God's Word.*

Jesus said in Matthew 4:4, **It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**

God exhorted us ministers to preach the Word, for He said in 2 Timothy 4:1-4: **I charge *thee* therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.**

If weak Christians who are dominated by their emotions aren't dealt with and corrected by always referring them back to the Word of God, they'll cause more confusion and disruption to the work of God. Their whole life revolves around them and their problem, and not around Jesus and what the Word says about their problem. It's not so much that they don't want to receive healing, miracles or prosperity from God, as much as they don't want to give up talking about themselves, and rehashing their problems to you over and over again.

Plus, they don't want to have to put the time in God's Word, or make the effort of being a doer of the Word. This is where the damage comes in, not only to themselves, but to others, as well. This is why people don't like the faith message. They think you're being too hard on them, and they don't want to make the necessary changes. So, they'll keep attending the 'feel good' church.

Until your Christian life becomes centered around God's Word, you'll never become more than a conqueror. You'll be a superficial Christian. You may have a lot of Christian friends, and a pretty good social life. But if you don't cherish and cling to the Word, you'll just have a lot of friends who will sympathize with you when you get cancer, or some other terminal disease. They'll bake you cookies and visit you, but they won't bring you the Word. And when you're dead, they'll tell others about all the faith you had. You and your friends will be unable to stop Satan from killing you.

Learning the Word is like learning martial arts. You won't know how good you are at it until you get attacked. The sooner you get tough with the Word, the sooner you're going to rule over Satan. Because of relying more on their emotions than on the Word of God, the dramatic Christians rarely receive all they need from God, which confuses the people around them. People hear them talking about Jesus and how great God is, yet others don't see God working in their lives. Therefore, they're not a good witness.

The last thing you have any business doing is griping and complaining to some sinner or to some unbelieving relative. In the midst of all hell, ***talk the Word***, and that will be a witness to others! Believers should reflect God working in their lives to those around them.

Remember, God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

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