

## **SENTIMENTALISM, A VICIOUS ENEMY OF THE CHURCH AND PASTOR**

Sentimental: "Marked or governed by feeling." (Webster).

### THE PASTOR:

1. CANNOT PREACH Election because the daughter of Brother and Sister Elite, s in attendance with her family, and belong to an Arminian church. And we do not want to offend them.
2. CANNOT PREACH ON BAPTISM because some of the church members have loved ones who have been sprinkled, and they would surely believe the Pastor's remarks were directed toward them.
3. CANNOT PREACH ON CLOSED COMMUNION, for some will feel left out, and nobody likes that left out feeling.
4. CANNOT PREACH ON MISSIONS, because we do not want to offend our members or visitors who have some Primitive Baptist kinfolks.
5. CANNOT IREACH CHURCH TRUTH, for there are some good people in the invisible church, and many of them are fiends to some members of our church.
6. CANNOT PREACH ON HOLY LIVING, for we everyone sins therefore, we are not qualified to rebuke our brother or sister for sinning. Who is it that is so sin free that they can cast the first stone? (It was rank and God defying hypocrites to whom Christ put this question, it was not addressed to the church. The Lord's church is not only qualified to officially rebuke sin, but is commanded of the Lord to do so (John 8:1-10; 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 5:12, 13, 6:2, 3; Rom. 6:14, 15; I John 2:1).
7. CANNOT PREACH STEWARDSHIP, because Brother Hardship is in debt way over his head, and to preach tithing would be like rubbing salt in his wounds.
8. Etc

THE SHAMEFUL RESULT OF THE ABOVE SENTIMENTAL RESTRICTIONS IS A CHURCH AND PASTOR THAT SIMPLY, CANNOT PREACH.

Nevertheless, the word of God admonishes every N.T. church and Pastor, saying: "Preach the word, be instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine" (2<sup>nd</sup> Tim. 4:2). And the first N.T. preachers said: "...WE OUGHT TO OBEY GOD RATHER THAN MAN" (Acts 5:29).

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