



THE PREACHER

ARE THERE QUALIFICATIONS?

- Deep devotion to the scriptures (2 Tim. 3:14–17, 1 Tim. 4:13, Acts 17:11).
- Knowledgeable enough to refute error (1 Tim. 1:3–7, 2 Tim. 2:24–26) but not a “know-it-all” (1 Cor. 8:1–3, 2:2).
- Self-motivated
- Loving, caring, gentle (1 Cor. 13:1–3, 2 Tim. 2:24–26).
- “In it” for the right reasons (Phil. 1:15–18, Gal. 4:19, Rom. 9:1–3). Paul often referred to his own work as a battle, a fight, a strenuous workout or sporting event!



KNOWING WHEN

NOT

TO TALK

DEEP CONCERN FOR THE CHURCH

- Otherwise, what's his work all about? You can go through the motions in many careers without it being detrimental to people's lives or souls. The same cannot be said of the work of a minister.
- 2 Corinthians 11:28
- It's noteworthy that Paul never wrote a letter to the lost — all his letters are to the saved! While the “evangelist” part of the job is essential, it is just as important to work *within* the church. After all, effective evangelism might cause numerical growth, but ongoing education and edification nurtures long-term spiritual growth.