

## THE MESSENGER AND THE MESSAGE

Text: 1 Cor. 3:4-11

I. HOW BEAUTIFUL THE FEET OF THE GOSPEL PREACHER.  
READ ROMANS 10:8-17. Compare Western Union boy

II. NOT ALL PREACHERS ARE ENDOWED WITH THE SAME  
AMOUNT OF ABILITY/TRAINING.

- A. Moses was slow of speech, Ex. 4:10.
- B. Peter & John were uneducated & untrained, Acts 4:13.
- C. Apollos was eloquent & mighty in the Scriptures,  
Acts 18:24
- D. Paul used great plainness of speech, 2 Cor. 3:12.
- E. Many who not very effective in the pulpit are very good  
teachers in other spheres of activity.

III. IN PRINCIPLE, THE BIBLE TEACHES US TO GIVE  
CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE.

- A. Paul expected to be well thought of by & respected by  
those he had begotten in the gospel.

For tho you might have 10,000 instructors in Christ,  
yet you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I  
have begotten you thru the gospel. (1 Cor 4:15).

- B. He gave proper respect and credit to Gamaliel who had  
taught him in the Law of Moses, Acts 22:3.
- C. He gives proper credit to Lois & Eunice, 2 Tim. 1:5.

IV. IN ALL OF THIS, WE MUST TAKE CARE NOT TO GO  
BEYOND THAT WHICH IS WRITTEN. 1 Cor. 4:6.

- A. It is God Who gives the increase, 1 Cor. 3:6-9.
- B. The gospel is God's power to save, no matter who  
preaches it. Rom. 1:16; James 1:21
- C. Every Christian should labor in keeping with the ability  
God has given and GOD WILL BE GLORIFIED.

1 Pet. 4:11; Isaiah 55:11.

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