

WHAT GOOD IS PREACHING

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ISA 55:8-11, ROM 10:14-18

I believe that everyone in this room right now is a preacher. The lives that each one of us lives and the words that each of us speak; send out messages to those we are around each and every day.

Husbands, wives, sons, daughters, family and friends, neighbors and co-workers, are all receiving messages from us. Either by the words we speak or the deeds we do, so in that sense, we are all preachers.

We should want to be productive, to bear fruit. We desire to see results, yet at times, each of us is made to wonder, "Am I doing any good? Is any ground being gained? Where are the results that I'm longing to see? Is my preaching and teaching and the life I'm living have any lasting effects? Where are all my sermons going?"

There have been times in my ministry both here and in the other places that I have pastored where I have had to ask myself, "What good has my preaching done in the life of that person? Where have all my sermons gone? Has the things that they have heard me say been received and been beneficial to them in their Christian walk?"

These are some thoughts that I have had in my ministry as I look at the lives of the people that I have been pastoring and preaching to but remember, I'm not the only one preaching.

Each of you are preachers as well. You might not be pastoring a church and you might not be standing up on a platform every week delivering a message, but you have been preaching in your homes and on your jobs and to the other people that you have come in contact with. Maybe you've asked some of the same questions that I have asked, "Have I been able to make a difference in anyone's life? Have I been a good example to others? Have my words been profitable? Where are the results to the prayers that I have prayed? Where's the rewards for all the sacrifices that have been made."

Don't be ashamed if you've asked such questions. I don't believe that we are wrong for asking such questions. Checking the results of our labors and wanting to know the effectiveness of our influence isn't a sin.

Now let me share the answer to the question from the word of God.

Isa 55:10-11 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.