







"Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

1 TIM 4:13 ESV

We were never meant to have a subtle encounter with God's word, because it is a sword!



"in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, --entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."

2 COR 5:19-20 ESV

We have the ministry of reconciliation, not cheap imitation.



When we rob God of His devotion, it causes division.





"For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal? 5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one?"

#### 1 COR 3:4-5

## People are going to see us before they see Jesus.





"Let's behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and debauchery, not in strife and jealousy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts."

**ROM 13:13-14 NASB** 

## For God to be known, the gospel must be shown.





"For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. 22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak.

1 COR 9:19, 22-23 ESV



I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings."

1 COR 9:19, 22-23



"For so it was, while Jezebel massacred the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah had taken one hundred prophets and hidden them, fifty to a cave, and had fed them with bread and water."

1 KINGS 18:4

# When we care for the servants of the Lord, we share in their reward.





"For thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.' " 15 So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah;

### 1 KNG 17:14-16



and she and he and her household ate for many days. 16 The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah."

1 KNG 17:14-16



"You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill.. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes..

**HAG 1:6, 9 ESV** 



9 You looked for much, and behold, it came to little. And when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? .. Because of my house that lies in ruins, while each of you busies himself with his own house."

### **HAG 1:6, 9 ESV**



"And so it was, because the midwives feared God, that He provided households for them."

**EXODUS 5:21** 

## Giving is not an opportunity to display our own ability, but to exercise Christ's humility.



"Do not act out of selfish ambition or conceit, but with humility think of others as being better than yourselves. 4 Do not be concerned about your own interests, but also be concerned about the interests of others."

**PHIL 2:3-4 ISV** 

