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TEN REASONS YOU CAN PREACH

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#1. There are billions of souls at stake.

It is projected that by the end of 2024, there will be 8.1 billion people worldwide. What are we to do with these billions of souls? Our world is lost in sin, and must know the Gospel's power. This becomes more accurate daily as we see a moving away from morality, truth, righteousness, and common decency. Despite this, God still loves His creation and wants men to be saved (John 3:16; 2 Peter 3:9). Now, more than ever, we need you to join the fight and give us one more on the battlefield.

#2. Churches need sound doctrine.

The church will not be sound by accident. Hours, days, weeks, months, and years must be spent constantly striving to keep the congregation on solid ground. Elders may not always endeavor to endorse sound Gospel preaching, and as a result, the members may not always be sound. We need preachers to give the true message "in season and out of season" (2 Timothy 4:2).

#3. You get to share God's love daily.

Preaching is not just about the pulpit. From babies being born to loved ones being laid to rest, you can be there for it all. We have heard over and over again through the years that members do not care how much we know until they know how much we care. While ministers will not always be able to be there for every moment and hardship, they may be the first ones called when good or ill strikes. What an honor to be loved and viewed as a helper in such a way (James 1:27)!

#4. Churches have the responsibility of training preachers. From Bible class to a fifth Sunday young men's service, there

must be opportunities given to our young men to encourage them to preach. We need more "Paul" like figures to encourage the coming generation! Our youth should not be scoffed at and treated as a "wait your turn" group when so much can be done right now to prepare for the future (1 Timothy 4:12).

#5. False teaching is rampant. Sadly, many church members, and even those in the "religious world," have just wanted to hear what is easy. Many want the good stuff, but not what matters most. Many have itching ears and are not enduring sound doctrine (2 Timothy 4:3). Since that is true, could you do something to eliminate some of the falsehoods and be a difference-maker in our world today?

#6. The Devil is after souls, too.

He loves to make us suffer. You see, at the source of every call a minister gets about suffering and hardship, there is a giddy Devil who is rejoicing that they are hurting. Sadly, too many of the world find themselves to be children of Satan at this very moment (John 8:44). They serve him and see nothing wrong with the way they are living. Others are unaware that there is an alternative, and are hurting the most because they do not have God. They need someone to help them realize a better way.

#7. We need to continue to keep the roster full. Think of our preachers right now—the ones known best—and consider how much time will pass before we need the next generation to step up. We need another generation to fill their shoes when they go on to their reward.

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#8. It is about the message and not the messenger.

Every Sunday, the best of the best proclaim the message, and as long as they herald the Word correctly, they are the best of the best preachers. Preaching is about teaching God's Word, and that is it. You need to let the message stand for itself and make sure you stand behind the Cross. "Sir, we would see Jesus" (John 12:21). Will you show them?

#9. God commands all men everywhere to repent.

No one, other than Jesus, has ever been found to live a perfect life, being tempted in all points and committing no transgression (Hebrews 4:15). Is it not our responsibility to enter our communities and do everything we can to bring them to Christ (Matthew 28:19-20)? Your neighbors need you as much as, or even more than, those in the pews already. If we make the effort, we will see great results.

#10. How will they hear without you? How do you know that you cannot do it? We must consider preaching

the Gospel, because without preachers, no one will see the truth. To become a preacher is to try to make your life embody the Word of God and to fall in love with Jesus. If you do that, you will impact lives you cannot imagine. All a preacher can do is preach the Gospel. The entirety of those who hear it will respond to it one way or the other, and preachers cannot do anything more than what their title suggests. Everything else is up to the hearers. You can make a difference if you become a preacher or help build someone up to become a preacher!

CONCLUSION

You can do it. Many already have, and many who thought they could not become preachers have accomplished that very thing. What is stopping you? Perhaps you find yourself being like Moses and not realizing that with God, all things are possible (Exodus 4:1-17; Matthew 19:26)! "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher" (Romans 10:14)?

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Dan Cates

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SINGING, HUMMING, WHISTLING?

Garland Elkins



Just a few years ago no member of the church known to me would have contended that humming would be acceptable in Christian worship. Yet, some time ago I received a phone call from a preacher in another state; and during our conversation, he stated that he was disturbed that a well known song director had recently visited in his section of the country, and while there participated in a worship service, during which he sang a solo while the entire congregation hummed.

How long will it be before we hear of some song leader singing a solo while the congregation accompanies him with whistling? Can anyone show why humming is any more scriptural in New Testament worship than whistling? Would anyone like to try his hand on this matter? Humming and whistling are both vocal, are they not?

The Lord did not authorize merely vocal music, but rather He authorized a certain type of vocal music, that is, singing. The New Testament teaches that we are to “sing” (Heb. 2:12; I Cor. 14:15). In singing we engage in “speaking” and “teaching” (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). Humming and whistling do not meet these requirements! Doubtless many reasons could be produced to show that humming and whistling are unscriptural. However, the following will suffice: A man who had been summoned to appear in court did not make his appearance. The judge was understandably upset. He asked, “Does anyone know any reason as to why this man has failed to appear in my court?” A gentleman replied, “Yes, your Honor, I can give one thousand reasons.” The judge instructed him to state them. He said, “The first reason is that he is dead.” The judge replied, “You may dispense with the additional nine hundred and ninety-nine reasons. The one you have given is quite sufficient.”

In like fashion, regardless of the numerous reasons as to why humming and whistling are not to be used in Christian worship, one is quite sufficient. Namely, there is absolutely no New Testament authority for their use!

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