# Don't Fool With A Fool

1 Samuel 25:23-31 KJV And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, [24] And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, upon me let this iniquity be: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid. [25] Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, even Nabal: for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send. [26] Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, seeing the LORD hath withholden thee from coming to shed blood, and from avenging thyself with thine own hand, now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal. [27] And now this blessing which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that follow my lord. [28] I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid: for the LORD will certainly make my lord a sure house; because my lord fighteth the battles of the LORD, and evil hath not been found in thee all thy days. [29] Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul: but the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the LORD thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, as out of the middle of a sling. [30] And it shall come to pass, when the LORD shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee ruler over Israel; [31] That this shall be no grief unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath avenged himself: but when the LORD shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmaid.

#### I. INTRODUCTION—PREACHING SOMEONE ELSE'S SERMON

I shall do something with this sermon that I have rarely done over the years. I will preach someone else's sermon. When I was in Bible College, Brother Griffin told us on several occasions that when he was pastoring in Oshkosh and Racine, Wisconsin that if he went to General Conference, a camp-meeting, or event of some sorts and heard someone preach a sermon that was a blessing to him, he would go home and preach it to his church. He noted that he would always tell the people what he was going to do. He felt like that if he was blessed by the message that they would be blessed by it also.

Quite some time back, I had two friends who pastor (Ben Weeks, Jason Calhoun) tell me that I ought to hear Brother J. T. Pugh preach a sermon called "Don't Fool with a Fool." Both of them told me that they would send a copy of the CD. I am sure that they got caught up with life and forgot to send it along. But a couple of weeks ago, I thought that I would call White Steeple in Alexandria, Louisiana and ask if it was available. It was and so they sent it and I have to say that it was one of the most stunning sermons that I have ever heard. He preached it on a Wednesday night, August 21, 1996 (#6103).

I sat down with it and have almost transcribed it word for word. It is a shocking sermon! Brother Pugh said that when he left Odessa on that morning that this kind of sermon wasn't on his agenda to preach. Then he said the Lord had moved him in that direction and he preached it. In his own words, he said that it was an "abrupt" sermon but one that needed to be heard. My prayer is that this message provokes you as much as it did me.

- II. A FOOL
  - A. Life Is Made Up of Relationships

-Life is made up of relationships that we generate in the process of living. Some of the people that we meet because of our proximity to them in our jobs, schools, and various other places that we go and unfortunately some of the people we meet do not have the same values that we have.

-In the process of this we come into the influence of people like that. Our lives are lived out decision-by-decision and choice-by-choice and act-by-act. Our lives become a composite of the way that we make those decisions. The people we meet have some impact on the decisions we make.

-In the process of this business of living, the Lord can use His Word to press on our consciousness this lesson: Don't fool with a fool!

B. The Meaning of the Word, Fool

-The word fool comes from the Latin word, follis, or simply "windbag." Webster says a fool is person lacking in reason or common intelligence. He is one who acts in an unwise manner.

-There are multiple Scriptures that tell us what a fool is. He is impetuous and argumentative according to Scripture.

-There are two fools mentioned by name in Scripture. One of them we will talk about in this message but the Lord also spoke of the barn-building fool. He declared of him, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee" (Luke 12:20).

### III. 1 SAMUEL 25—MEET A FOOL

A. Nabal—A World-Class Fool

-Nabal comes to us in 1 Samuel 25. He lived in a hillside village that was south of Jerusalem known as Maon. In that village, there lived there a very wealthy man who had a very beautiful and wise wife named Abigail.

-The Bible tells us that this man, Nabal, was a son of Belial. He was a pretender. He is described as being a "churlish" man. That simply means that he was a rude miser. He loved money and was driven by the love of it. At every turn, Nabal rode harshly over people and stepped on them to gain material holdings. Inside his dark soul, there was a crude shrewdness about him caring nothing for or about other people.

-He is described as having folly with him and he was evil in his doings. Nabal means in the Hebrew, "a fool." So when Abigail tells David that Nabal is his name, she is telling him that as his name is, a fool so is he, this man called Nabal.

-Years later, David would write of him in the Psalm 14.

Psalms 14:1 KJV To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

- Nabal hath said in his heart, there is no God.
- Nabal is corrupt in his heart because he doesn't acknowledge God.
- Nabal is one of those who will not do well.

-According to the Scripture that is etched out to us we find out that a fool is not an honest man.

B. The Trouble That Brewed This Fool

-Every fool always has some trouble, some difficulty that brews him into his state of their own undoing.

-In 1 Samuel 25, we find out that about two miles out of Maon, there was a fertile region called Carmel. Nabal let his sheep roam about there. While David is on the run from Saul, he and his 600 men are camping in this region.

-David had some very dark men under his command and these men had a tendency to want to live on the wrong side of the law. However, David was very direct with them and told them that they were going to live by principle and not by whim or convenience. Therefore it would be best for them to leave Nabal's flocks alone.

-In fact David determined that not only would they not kill some of the goats and sheep to eat but that they would also protect the flocks of Nabal.

-Not too long later, sheep-shearing time came along. These times were moments of great excitement and had an atmosphere of festivity to them. So David picks out ten of his men and sends them down to Nabal's camp with an offer.

-David thought with some reason that since his men had watched over and protected Nabal's flocks without any charge to them that surely he would feed them.

C. A Fool In Action

-These ten men walked into the camp and were confronted by this churlish, arrogant, rude man named Nabal. He was a Calebite. The name infers that men of this descent were "doggish." Nabal knew how to snarl, snap and bark at people. So he began to snarl at them:

- Should I take my goods and give it to you?
- Should I take my food and give it to you?
- Should I take my water and give it to you?
- Should I take my things and give it strangers that I don't even know?

-Suddenly this fool, Nabal, turns on them, "Who is this David? I don't even know him! What has he done?" Nabal should have known who David was. He was the one who had killed Goliath. David was the king's son-in-law and had been anointed to be the king after Saul. He was the man who had led the king's army in 1 Samuel 18.

-It was all just a front of a dishonest man. He did indeed know who David was but there was a fool locked up inside of him that refused to acknowledge anyone but himself. He put David in the category of a common runaway slave. He wanted to put David down but not having the opportunity he put down his men.

D. David's Response

-When the men returned back to the camp of David, they came back emptyhanded and with an unbelievable story. When they told David the response that Nabal had given to them, it turned him inside out with anger.

-He told his men to get their swords, shields and other weapons because they were going to settle a matter with this Nabal. He decided he would round up 400 men and they would utterly destroy Nabal and his men.

-Suddenly there was adrenaline flowing, violence was brewing in their soul, swords began to clang, and gruff voices began to cry out in the night air. The thought of slaughter began to roll in their heart. These men could smell the blood!

-But there had been a faithful servant standing down by the campfire who had heard the whole exchange between Nabal and David's men. No sooner had they left than this servant runs down to tell Abigail what he had heard. He knew that Abigail was wise and she would be able to work this thing out.

E. Enter A Wise Woman Named Abigail

-There are wise women who marry fools and there are wise men that marry fools. It seems like it would be a lot better if we could get all the fools together and let them marry each other! But it often just doesn't work out that way.

-When the servant brought the news to Abigail he told her that he couldn't reason with Nabal and change his mind. The servant told her that by the morning that none of them would be alive. The servants of David are coming through the ravines and they will take our heads off and none of us will live through it.

-This news caused Abigail to fly into action. Working feverishly she got to work so she could save her life and that of others. She gathered up some things:

- 200 loaves of bread
- 2 bottles of wine
- 5 sheep dressed to eat
- 5 measures of parched corn
- 100 clusters of raisins
- 200 cakes of figs

-She loaded all of these things on some donkeys and headed out to catch David at the right time. She came out of the corner of a draw and intercepted him on the shoulder of a hill as all of these violent men were coming along. Four hundred vicious men came clanging along with their gruff talk bent on destruction. That was where Abigail caught them!

-The church is as Abigail. It intercedes for another who might be coming under the influence of a fool.

• Blessed is the person who cares enough to pray when evil influences who are coming on them.

• Blessed is the person who has a church that cares to make the phone calls, that cares to pray for such a person, and reaches out to such a person when they are under fire of evil influences.

-The church fills the role of an intercessor, a type of Jesus reaching out to hold others back from the darkness of evil.

-Abigail jumped off of her animal and began to talk to David. She wanted to stop him because he had such a promising future. The hand of God was on him and he was about to do something that was going to ruin it all for him. He was about to do something that he would never be able to undo because he had fallen to the sway of an evil fool!

# IV. OUR OWN INTERACTION WITH FOOLS

-There are people right now in this congregation that maybe in the last week or so, you have confronted something that has made you angry or it has influenced you or has affected you in some way. There are times we do ourselves the grave disservice to descend into the lowlands of fools and try to deal with them in their bailiwick. We try to talk their language, play by their rules and live out life on their level.

-When we were filled with the Holy Ghost and baptized in Jesus' name, we were born into a royal family and came to a higher level. God will take care of His people, He will help us to fight our battles, and He doesn't fight as we might presume but He still takes care of it.

# A. Brother Pugh Meets Some Foolish Businessmen

Brother Pugh told about an event that happened sometime around 1984-86. By a quirk of circumstances he was forced into a situation that he would work with two men for about two years. Neither of the men professed any sort of Christianity at all. So when he presented himself on that first day, these two men had gotten together and decided they would knock the preacher cold on that first day. We will put him in his place and in his corner. We will humiliate and intimidate him so we won't have any trouble with him. Brother Pugh said that he was naïve about a lot of the ways of the world and that he didn't have a lot of time to learn about their ways. He knew something about Peter, Paul, and Jesus and he knew that the "Jesus" way worked best.

When he got there that morning, he waded in knee deep to a room of hostility and hate. The two men were waiting for him. One of the men was behind his desk and the other had slipped out from behind his and was sitting in a desk. Brother Pugh said he acknowledged them but they didn't even respond back to it. He then begin to inquire as to what his responsibilities would be and so forth and he said it was then that they turned on him. They began to verbally assault him and attempt to make him very angry and put him down. He was shocked. He scarcely knew these men and he couldn't believe his ears. They talked to him like he had taken their dearest possession from them.

But the Lord was there and Brother Pugh said the Holy Ghost began to speak to him, "Hold it, J. T. Look to me, pray, love!" Hate came his way; hate beat on him and their words beat on him. He said that tried to keep a smile on his face that after a while he was sure turned to a sickly grin. He begins to think about how much the Lord loved these men and wanted to save them. He said that he began to pray for these men that he would love them as the Lord loved them. He felt something of a sense of love starting to be released in him. He turned that love loose on them. My gracious these guys must have problems if they handle their problems like this. They must be miserable inside to handle things in this sick way.

Brother Pugh said that they just kept on beating on him with their words but after a while a hammer will wear out on an anvil. Finally they ran out of words and the man behind the desk dropped his eyes and began to shuffle some papers. He knew then that they had lost the fight. Love is always stronger than hate and given time, it will win out.

-When Abigail came to David she began to remind him of his past and the potential that was there. She knew that men were pursuing him but there was no evil in his ways and he had a good record.

B. Listen to the Voice of Reason

-We need to come against anything that will do its best to ruin us and erode the good things in our lives. The devil wants to push us into some particular breakdown, some reaction, some particular wrong, or some blow-up that will ruin us.

-There is someone here who knows that they have faced a fool in the recent past. That fool has tried to push you, someone who is churlish, dishonest, mean, and has his own personal agenda. You can't reason with a fool! But you can listen to the voice of reason!

-Abigail told David that he had fought for causes that were noble and righteous. You have bloodied your sword for God's work and God's cause but now you are about to take personal vengeance and defend yourself. Don't do that! Don't do that!

-Abigail told him that she knew that in the near future, he would be the king of Israel. If you do this thing by protecting yourself and defending yourself, people will never forget it. You will be on the throne and they will want to remember this dark deed when you fought with a fool. "He killed that man, he wiped them out, and he took his men and won the battle!"

-David, don't allow this to come to your life! I am urging you not to retaliate against a fool. Make a commitment to live out the principles of the Word of God and take the high road. Don't be tempted to fall to a fool!

-In effect she was saying, "You are about to let a fool destroy you!" Abigail even remembered what the servant said about Nabal, "He is a son of Belial." You can't talk to him because he is unrealistic.

-There are people we come in contact with who are warped by their association with the devil. They cannot be reasoned with, counseled with, or persuaded to do the right thing.

C. Brother Pugh and a Former Prisoner

Brother Pugh told of a man who had been in prison for a number of years and had been released. While he was in prison, this man received the Holy Ghost and was baptized in Jesus name. After his release, he thought that it would be good for him to go back try to minister to those men who were still in prison. He was allowed to work with those men who are about to be released back on the street.

When Brother Pugh asked how well he was received there he told him that it wasn't very well. He noted that some of those men were sincere and serious and wanted to be different when they got out. But the majority of the men who were going out weren't going to change. They were going to advance their own personal agenda after they got out. He said that there were all sorts of spirits he had to deal with in that setting. Their front was that they had their act together and they were smart and wise and all of society was stupid.

The former prisoner would pick up on this and he would then begin to tell them that he hated their time was almost up. He said, "They threw me out of this place and I wish I could stay around have chow with you guys. But I can't stay with you because my wife and I are going to have some folks over tonight and we are going to grill some steaks in the backyard. Wouldn't it be nice to be back in here with you guys? I would like to stay around and have some chow with you tonight but I can't."

-Why is it that we let the world intimidate us with their status? The reality is that they are the fools? Don't let the world and the devil intimidate you into believing that you are missing out on things in this life . . . that is the talk of fools!

D. Brother Pugh and Picking Cotton in Many, Louisiana.

Brother Pugh told about the time when he was a young man in Many, Louisiana. During the harvest season, he would pick cotton. He remembered when he was 15 years old and having to compete with grown men trying to work. He said that there were men who were on horses who would drive them and tell them, "If you can't do the work, we will get someone who can!"

One Friday afternoon, they were almost finished with picking the cotton. Brother Pugh said that there wasn't a dry thread of clothing on him that it had all been sweated down that day in the fields. The owner wanted them to cut a tree down and so they did that for him. When the tree was finally taken care of, they all gathered up to get their pay.

Several of the men who were standing there and they all began to say what they were going to do with their money. One man said he was going to go out and get drunk and carouse about. Another said he was going to go get drunk and get him a woman to spend the night with. Brother Pugh said he was standing there and they all turned on him and asked him what he was going to do. "Hey Preacher, what are you going to do with your money?" Brother Pugh said that even though at the time he wasn't a preacher, they knew he was devoted to the Lord. He told them that he was going to take his money and save most of it to buy his books and clothes for the coming school year since he couldn't work while school was going on.

They all began to mock him and deride education and the sort. "We don't need none of that education stuff! Just look at us! We are making well without it!" Brother Pugh said he got his eyes opened that day, "Yeah look at him and see what he has!"

-Sometimes there is an intimidation, I come against foolish things that try to tear down the church and try to tear you down.

E. Brother Pugh And a Preacher in the Christmas Season

Brother Pugh told another story about a preacher who went Christmas shopping the previous year. He said that he casually dressed in a pair of khakis and a nice shirt. He walked by a group of young men and they started laughing at him. "Look at those cute shoes he is wearing!" Then they got up and followed him out of the mall. The preacher said that he was beginning to get a little nervous with them following him. When he got to his car, he opened the trunk and he got a good look at them. One of the young boys, about 16 years old, had on his shower cap. The preacher thought to himself that somebody ought to tell this fellow that when he finished his shower he was supposed to leave his cap at home. Another one was slopping about with his shoes untied. He said the preacher wondered if anyone had ever taught the young man how to tie his shoes. -Why in the world should things ever intimidate us like that? Don't fool with a fool!

-Abigail told David that he was about to ruin his life by reacting to a fool. To the person who is here and is being bothered, angered, pushed, influenced, upset on the job, or upset in other situations, don't let you be respond to them by the ways of the world, don't play that game! Commit it to God . . . Pray about it.

-Abigail told David to focus on the main thing—you are about to be the king and you will soon have a sure house. There will not be any more caves because you have a secure future. That is a promise to all of the saints of God.

-David said that he had never seen the righteous forsaken or his seed begging for bread. God helps His own children!

V. CONCLUSION—DON'T FOOL WITH A FOOL!!!

-You have never in your life heard a story that I am about relate to you that Brother Pugh told at the end of the message.

Brother Pugh told a story that Brother \_\_\_\_\_\_ told him. He said that there were three children in the \_\_\_\_\_\_ family. Kenny and Jerry were twins but Jerry was the smarter of the two. When Jerry would get up in church to testify, he would quote passages of Scripture that would be a blessing to folks. People knew that he had a great future in the work of God.

Just before he graduated from high school, he got a job. He didn't make much money but it was a job. He soon started meeting other people and before long began to run with them some. He even started dating girls that weren't in the church. It wasn't too long before Kenny smelled marijuana on Jerry but he didn't know what the odor was at the time. Several of the church folks began to see him coming and going from the late nightspots. They all became concerned for him.

One morning they got to church before it started and the good pastor, Brother \_\_\_\_\_, had heard about Jerry. They came in the back door and when they walked by the pastor's office, Brother \_\_\_\_\_ called out to Jerry and invited him in the office. Thank God for every Abigail who is concerned enough about you to talk to you and try to reason with you about the things of God. They want to warn us about fools!

Kenny said he waited up for Jerry just down the hall. When Jerry came out of the office, Kenny could tell that he was angry. His face was red and when Kenny put his arm on Jerry, he shoved it away and said, "Nobody's gonna talk to me like that! Nobody's gonna tell me what to do! Nobody's gonna tell me who to date! I'll show that man and I'll live my own life!" So he started living his own life. He still came to church but his personality began to change and there would be times that his hands would shake and tremble. He just wasn't the same anymore.

Then came the night that Kenny said that his mother came into his bedroom and began to shake him, "Get up Kenny, get up! Jerry's out there and needs our help!" Kenny said that he saw his mother's shaking hands and he knew then that she had been up all night prowling the house, looking out the windows, and praying for Jerry to be safe.

Kenny said that he heard the car roaring up and when the doors opened, he could hear loud cursing obscenities pour into the night air. They would take the passed out body of Jerry and throw him out on the curb and he and his mother would go out and drag Jerry into the house. There were times that they didn't know if he was dead or alive. Kenny said that they would reach down and pick up his limp body and be accosted by the slick vomit on his clothes and the horrible stench would overwhelm you. This kind of thing began to happen on a regular basis. They had to make sure that they laid him on his side so that when he began to vomit, he wouldn't choke on it. The filthy clothes, the filthy sheets, and the filth of the vomit had to be contended with. There is a filthy old world out there whose intent it is to destroy whoever it can. It will burn your mind into a cesspool, it will turn your mouth into a sewer . . . it will turn your home into hell. Nabal has said in his heart, there is no God. What a fool!

Many long and horrible nights stacked up in Jerry's life because he was fooling with fools. Soon he turned to drugs and he needed a way to pay for them. He would come racing into the house looking for money and pills to try to get a fix. His eyes were glazed and violent and dangerous. His personality was changed and his reasoning left him. No hope for a fool!

Kenny said that he soon started getting out some and preaching around here and there. He came home one January and when he got home his mother had a bandage on her head. He started asking her what had happened. She gave some answer that wasn't a good one. She said, "I stumbled and fell on the coffee table and bumped my head." Kenny said he looked over and saw that the purse he had given her for Christmas had the handles torn off of it. He called his sister and asked her what was going on.

His sister told him about the Social Security checks that started coming after his dad had passed away. Jerry had been at the funeral but had been so disconnected because he was finished with dad. His mother asked him to stay home that first night after his father passed away but Jerry refused to do it because he no longer had a heart for his family. His world had been turned upside down by fools. There are bills of goods that can be sold to people in the world that literally turn them into fools.

The worst day you live in the Kingdom of God is better than the best day you ever had in this dirty old world!

Jerry decided that some of the fools he ran with needed some money. Three or four of them told him to go in there and get the Social Security check. So when he came in the house, he grabbed her purse. She had the money in her purse and he was determined to get it. When he snatched the purse by the body, she had it by the handles and they ripped away from the purse. In the process of the tussle, she fell and hit her head. Jerry took off with the money in a cussing rage. The same mouth that used to quote Scriptures, worship the Lord, and sing the songs of Zion was now raging and cursing his own mother. Now the boiling hot words of hell poured out of his mouth. He raced out of the house and jumped in the car with two of the fools he had taken up with.

It wasn't too long afterwards that Kenny's mother had to take a job to make ends meet. She was too old to be working and she didn't have any skills but she had to have some money. She managed to get a job washing dishes at a restaurant. She had an old car that barely ran but it was enough to get her around. Every night she would limp home and collapse from having to work.

One day when she was washing dishes, a call came in asking to speak to her. It was a neighbor across the street that told her that she needed to come home right away and check on things. A U-Haul had pulled up to the curb and men were going in and out of the house and loading up furniture and appliances. When she told the manager of the restaurant that she needed to leave, he told her that he couldn't spare her leaving because it was the rush hour and they needed those dishes to be washed and if she left, she wouldn't have a job. He told her that if she would hurry that maybe he could let her leave a few minutes early. That is what happened.

When she turned the corner and looked there wasn't a U-Haul in front of her house. She was so glad and thought that obviously her neighbor had made a mistake. But when she opened the door and closed it, there was the loud echo of a door closing in an empty house. Jerry had emptied out the house to sell everything for drugs. He told someone that he was going overseas and had to get rid of everything. They could have it all for a certain amount of money.

His mother had to borrow some money to buy a small foam pad to sleep on. Jerry had sold out to a bunch of fools.

After that incident, Jerry decided to move on to bigger things. He told some of his friends that he had found a store that they could rob. He had been watching and noticed where the money to be deposited was kept. They would go in and the other two would create a disturbance in the back of the store and Jerry would reach under the counter and take the moneybag. As they got out of the car, Jerry reached over and took a hatchet and put it in the back of the waistband of his pants.

But it all went wrong! There wasn't enough of a distraction and when Jerry reached over to take the moneybag the woman who was running the store, picked up a baseball bat from behind the counter and hit Jerry with it. That was the undoing of Jerry. He jerked out the hatchet and chopped until her hands were gone and then he began to hit her in the head. Thirty-seven times he struck her until the life was gone.

Kenny said that when he and his mother and sister sat in the courtroom for the trial that the fools Jerry had run with, turned on him. To try to save their own hide, they turned state's witness against him. The two fools who had urged him to steal his mother's Social Security checks and had led him down a terrible path were now railing against him.

When the jury came back in, they had charged him with murder. He was put in prison in 1985 and he is there tonight.

Kenny told Brother Pugh that Christmas time is a drag because the whole event has thrown their family into a lurch. He said he hates to impose on his wife for her to go. But she does because Jerry wants to see a godly example of holiness. Since 1985, he has been getting up when they tell him to and goes to bed when they tell him to. When Kenny's kids get there, Uncle Jerry wants to see them. He looks at their hands, so soft and innocent, and then he looks at their eyes and there is a long reminiscent pause. Then Jerry wants to look at Kenny's keys. He starts asking what one after another is for. This one is for the house, this one is for the church, and this one is for the church van...

The keys about the church and the van stir memories in Jerry. "I remember going to rallies and to this special service and that special service and so on." Finally Jerry asks about Brother \_\_\_\_\_\_, the pastor where they grew up. Kenny says, "Oh, he's fine. Getting older but he is doing fine. You know, Jerry, he's a good guy." Jerry tells him, "I know." Then Jerry says to Kenny, "You remember that Sunday morning when Brother \_\_\_\_\_\_ tried to talk to me?" "Yeah, I remember." "I wish I would have listened to him!" But it's too late now . . . When you start fooling with fools; it has a way of destroying you!

-Fifty years old before he will even have a chance to get out. He won't know what it is like to get married in a church. He will never know what it is like to take a little baby and hand it over to a pastor and ask him to dedicate the baby to the Lord. He will never know what it's like to just stand in the aisles after a church service and just talk. "How are things going on the job? How has your week been?" He will never know the feeling of just reaching out and touching someone on the shoulder or being touched on the shoulder like we Pentecostals do. -Don't Fool with a Fool!

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