

BEARDS

In thinking of the things and the people that influence us, I wonder who it is that is getting our young preachers to wear a beard?

I am not saying that having a beard is wrong, I just wonder whom they are modeling?

Consider this:

Every Fundamental Bible college that I know of, requires the guys to be clean shaven.

Every well-known Baptist preacher I can think of is clean shaven.

Even our well-known politicians are clean shaven.

The Supreme Court Justices are clean shaven, even the women.

I just checked the top CEOs of America, and of all the images that came up on Bing, there were two mustaches and just one beard. Everyone else is clean shaven.

I can not think of one banker or quality salesman (that I know of) who has facial hair.

Maybe there is something conclusive about this similarity?

Tattoos and beards are a part of the "tough guy" look, but neither tattoos or beards are seen much at banks or decent restaurants: Chick-Fil-A, Costco, Fundamental churches, or even on politicians.

So who is it young preachers are getting their fashion ideas from?

I searched the society in which we live and I finally found a group of men that love the bearded look: movie heroes and the "bad-boy," athletes, models in magazines and on billboards -- these men are the ones who often wear facial hair.

So, young preachers, fashion yourselves after the models, bad boys, and athletes; or join the styles of successful preachers and respected men of society. Your call -- I mean, there is nothing wrong with it, right?

Oh, I know, you wear your facial hair because your wife wants you to. Hmmm, just a hint, but that has not been the basis of my thirty-two years of ministry.

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