

I like you more than you do.

When I consider the young men who are pastoring around America, I realize how greatly we need them. I like them! I want more of them! I understand that the Gospel is in their trust, and so I covet their future.

Easter weekend brought me wonderful news from many young men who were once in our youth department. How very proud I am of those young men and their work; but these pastors from my youth department only represent a few of the many men of God across America.

Considering this thought, I realize that I probably like the young preachers of America more than they like themselves.

I like them; let me prove it. I want to continue the type of church that produced them, so we might have more just like them. I am passionately guarding the kind of church from which they came. I am preaching, teaching, and encouraging the old-time religion that brought these wonderful young men into the Lord's work. I am protecting the purity of the recipe, NOT REDEFINING IT into some untested creation that has never put a generation of preachers into the pulpits of America.

They, on the other hand, really must not like themselves much, for they are changing the kind of church from which they came, they are trying to redefine the Fundamentalism that produced them. I, for one, love them and want to reproduce the exact recipe that God used to call these wonderful men into the ministry. I want to protect the historic Fundamentalism that produced them, not redefine it.

What was it that God used to train most of these awesome young men? God used soul winning, standards, hymn singing, the King James Bible, holiness, and much more. These ingredients were typical in most of the churches that produced the young preachers of our nation. Go on, test the theory; go to their blogs and search their past, and you will find that they came from the old-school

Fundamentalism. See if their blogs match their training, I dare you. The young men out there getting churches going are wonderful men, who all married good ladies -- most of whom came from... ready?... Fundamental Baptist, separated, soul-winning, KJV, hymn-singing churches.

I like those pastors and their wives; I like what produced them. I, for one, will keep our church doing the kinds of things that God used to train and call these awesome, young people into the ministry.

I love you young couples who are getting started out in the ministry. I want you to know that I love you enough to keep doing what we have always done in hopes of producing more couples just like you.

Just in case you do not know, we were never the biggest church in town, but I believe without question that we had the best young people in town. Those young people have done so much in the last thirty-three years, both in the ministry and in secular work; but all were used in Sunday school, bus ministry, soul winning, and loving people. Thank God for the old-fashioned churches that produced the young preachers of America! Let us guard the church and keep it exactly the same, so we can have more of these tremendous, young couples to lead our nation into the next generation.

Young preachers, we need you. We need more young people just like you, so I hope you will help produce more like you by mirroring the ministries that produced you, not by redefining them.

Unless, I like you more than you do.

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