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**Things Many Preachers  
Won't Tell You**

**Acts 20:18-32**

# Religious Titles

- These are used in most denominations today.
- By What Authority?
- What does the Bible say? - Matthew 23:1-12
  - To be seen of men – Vs. 5
  - Do Not Be Called Rabbi – Vs. 8
  - Nor Be Called Father, Teacher, or Leader
  - The Term *Reverend* – Psalm 111:9

# Church Organization

- Most denominations are very complex.
  - National organizations, various authorities, and heads. Parishes, Synods, Councils, Conventions
- By What Authority?
- What does the Bible say?
  - Apostles, prophets, pastors preachers and teachers. - Ephesians 4:11
  - Deacons also in the church. - Acts 6 and Titus 2
  - Elders and deacons “among” you. - 1 Peter 5:2

# Church Leadership

- Today, Many Denominations Ordain Elderesses, deaconesses, priestesses, female pastors, reverends, televangelists.
- By What Authority?
  - This was Universally opposed at first, very few oppose it today.
- What Does the Bible Say?
  - Women are to be silent, not to usurp authority or teach. - 1 Timothy 2:11,12
  - This was not just a “custom of the time” – Vs 13,14
- The Role of Women in the Church.

# Church Music

- At one time, just a piano, then organs, during 60's some began using guitars, some now have 5 piece bands and orchestras
- Singing is done by solos, duets, trios, choruses and choirs
- By What Authority?
- What does the Bible say?
  - Ephesians 5:19 – “speaking to one another... singing.”
  - Colossians 3:16 – “singing with grace in your hearts”
  - Only singing is commanded, anything else goes beyond.  
1 Corinthians 4:6

# Church Finances

- Various Forms of “Fund Raising”
  - Pie bakes, candy sales, Boston stew sales, garage sales, car washes, television commercials, Las Vegas nights
  - By what authority?
- What does the Bible say?
  - Early Church Example – Acts 5:32-37
  - Paul’s Command to Corinth  
1 Corinthians 16:1,2

# Salvation by Faith

- Denominations have much to say about it.
  - Sinner's prayer, mourner's bench, touch the radio/ TV, send a letter, sign a tract, call a phone number, etc.,
  - By What Authority?
  - All variants of the theme "salvation by faith alone".
- What does the Bible say?
- Bible is "silent" about many of the previous points, but not this one.
  - James spoke about "faith only" - James 2:24
  - He also mentioned "faith without works". – Vs. 26

# Baptism

- The Element of Baptism – spirit, “Holy Spirit”, water, baptism, rose petals
- The method of Baptism - pour, sprinkle, immersion
- The Purpose of Baptism – a profession of faith, a symbol only, a tradition, a replacement for circumcision
- By What Authority?
- What does the Bible say?
  - Baptism means immersion – “baptizo” – dip, plunge, immerse
  - Required much water
  - Was for salvation, put on Christ, baptized into Christ, remission of sins,