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That Majestic Fraternity

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You are a preacher. That being true, there are certain privileges and advantages that you enjoy that belong to no other profession.

You had nothing to do with choosing this profession.

There is not the slightest chance that the One who selected you for this profession made a mistake.

You represent the oldest and largest business concern known to man.

You will never have to worry about losing your job.

As long as there is one man alive on this earth there will be a demand and need for your service.

Economic conditions will not affect your employment.

If we have national prosperity you will still have work. If we have a depression your services will still be needed.

In a sense you are your own boss. You do not have to punch a time clock.

You can set your own work hours.

You cannot resign. You cannot quit and do something else. You were born to this end.

Your job never becomes monotonous. There are no two days just alike:

In one day you may be called upon to visit a mother with a new-born babe; give guidance to a person who has just become a Christian; talk with a high school student about his life's work; unite a couple in holy matrimony; tell some sinner how to get to Christ; comfort a person who is bereaved; talk to a person and help prepare him for a serious operation; listen to the last words of a dying patient; say the final words over a deceased friend; counsel a man and woman whose marriage is about to be broken up.

Your role in society has been conditioned by two thousand years of the Christian ministry. The best men who have ever lived have been your forerunners. Therefore, you come to your task in the strength of a great heritage.

If you backslide, people will always think of you as a preacher.

If you are lost in hell, you will be a preacher in hell.

In all eternity you will be a preacher.