

I. SOMETHINGS THAT MAY CAUSE BRETHREN TO FAINT

1. Hard work without visible results.
 - (1) Hard work for many months. Discouraged, let the weeds grow, fail to reap. Heb. 6:15; James 5:7
2. Teaching without encouragement.
 - (1) Hard, harsh, stinging, rebuking lessons may cause brethren to faint...give up.
 - (2) Rebuke needed and will come in the right and proper proportions when God's word is preached. 2 Tim 4:2.
3. Preachers often need encouragement. Many have fainted already and others are on the verge of it. Members can starve their preachers to death. HOW?
 - (1) By coldness, indifference and lack of response.
 - (2) Too much is expected of the preacher in this day:
 1. He must be a go-getter; a public contact man. A man who can advise on all problems...good in caring for the sick...good in working with out-of-the way members. Spend a lot of time visiting in homes...house to house.

2. WE SHOULD NOT FAINT

1. When we are tempted. James 1:13-15
1 Cor. 10:12,13
2. When we are tried. James 5:11; Heb. 11:17
 - (1) Trials hard, burdens heavy, responsibility great.
3. When we are chastened of the Lord.
 - (1) Chastisement a Bible subject...All God's people experience it.
Hebrews 12:5-11

