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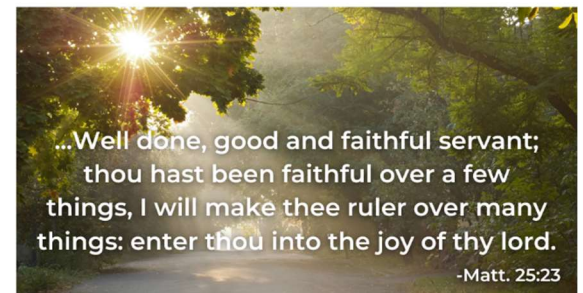
It Isn't Easy, but It IS Worth It!

We know that the work of the ministry is not easy. In front of you daily is the fact that Sunday is coming, which means sermon prep for one, or for some, two services. Add to that teaching a SS/ABF lesson. Add to that preparation for a mid-week Bible study/prayer time. Add to that funerals and weddings. My (Dave L's) pastor shared that he calculates he typically spends about 20 hours dealing with everything surrounding a funeral. (After hearing that, I exhorted the members of my ABF, "Please don't die. It makes more work for Pastor!") And there is a long list of other things that we don't have time to mention.

If you are a bi-vocational pastor—as many of you are—the pressure of the schedule is even more daunting. We commend and thank all the pastors in our state for their ministries. You are investing your lives in people. It is demanding, and often thankless; and too many times, we are sure, it seems to be for nought. But please be reminded: It IS worth it.

We've all experienced the frustration of doing everything right and for the right motives, only to have someone walk away from the godly, biblical counsel, forsaking truth and embracing a backslidden lifestyle.

In the end, though, our goal must be to faithfully serve the Lord as we faithfully teach and preach the truth of His Word and help our people understand how it should be lived out in their day-to-day experience.



Our goal when we stand before King Jesus is not to hear Him say, "Well done, thou good and successful servant," but to hear Him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Our prayer for you is that you will be found faithful to your wife, to your family, to your responsibilities as an under-shepherd and ultimately to King Jesus. There will be any number of days when ministry will not be easy, but it is always worth it!

In Christ,



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PS: Just a reminder that registration for LEAD camp is now open. Teens 13-19 are eligible to attend this outstanding, challenging—and fun!—biblical worldview camp. For details or to register, visit LEADWi.org. If your church would like to sponsor a camper, please call Sierra Cochran, LEAD Director, at 888-378-7395.

PPS: Please pray this week for: State Representative Peter Schmidt (Bonduel) and State Senator Rob Stafsholt (New Richmond).