

WHY A BIBLE PRESBYTERIAN ~~MINISTER~~ MINISTER^R

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Ephesians 4:11-15. The subject which I have taken this evening is Why a Bible Presbyterian Minister. ~~MINISTER~~ It seems to me that it is a particularly appropriate subject to take, on this occasion when we are ordaining a man who to be a Bible Presbyterian minister. We find it repeatedly stated in Scripture that men were set apart, were ordained to the Gospel ministry. We find that Paul spoke of the gifts which his associates had through the laying on of the hands of the presbytery, and how that Paul often spoke that God had put him into the ministry. Now, why a Bible Presbyterian minister? I'm going to take this into three natural divisions. First, why a minister; why a minister at all.

I believe we find why explained fully in this passage I read, but instead of looking at it at this point, instead I am going back to the very founder of the Christian Church, the Lord Jesus Christ, and I am going briefly to call your attention to two very important incidents in His life. The first of these is found in Mark 6:34. There we find something of the springs of action in Christ told just before that time when He fed the 5,000. Why does God desire that we should ordain ministers? Why does God take a young man, call him, and cause him to devote his life to the Gospel ministry, and lead that young man to go through a long course of study in preparation, and to come before a presbytery ^{for} ~~in~~ examination for its fitness, and then to be set apart for the ministry. I believe we find in this verse a very clear statement of the large part of the reason. Read verse 6:34. Today, Jesus is moved with compassion as He looks upon this earth and He sees many people, ~~and~~ He sees them go here and there and He sees them as sheep without a shepherd, and He desires ministers to come and teach them many things., as His representatives. Last Tuesday mo