

Peter Marshall, former chaplain for the US Senate wrote the following:

“God calls men to preach. But how did preaching arise in the first place? By what right does a man stand before his fellows, Bible in hand and claim their attention?

Not because he is better than they are. Not because he has attended a theological seminary and studied Greek, Hebrew, and theology. But primarily because he is obeying a tap on the shoulder.

The preacher is conscious of being called as we say, and that means that he is responding to an inward urge that could not be resisted; and urge that grew out of a providential arrangement of his life and his circumstances to the great end that he should become an ambassador of the Chief, an urge that grew into a conviction that only by being obeyed could he ever find that joy and satisfaction of a life lived according to the plan of God.

The true minister is not in his pulpit because he has chosen that profession as an easy means of livelihood, but because he could not help it, because he has obeyed an imperious summons that will not be denied.”