

# You Preach First

The first sermon preached each Sunday is not by the preacher, but by you. You preach a message of good cheer when you say "Good morning" to those you meet when you park your car and when you are in the hallway and classroom. You preach a message of "Welcome, we have room for you" when you slide over to the next spot on the pew instead of forcing others to squeeze in front of you. You preach a message of hope and joy when you sing enthusiastically during the song service. You preach a message about the power of prayer when you fervently and faithfully enter into our time of prayer together.

You preach a message of respect when you listen attentively while the preacher is speaking. You preach a message of love when you smile, say hello, and introduce yourself to visitors. You preach a message about faith when you cheerfully give your offering, not grudgingly "hand it over." You preach a message about the importance of the scriptures when you bring your Bible and follow along with the message that is being presented.

Many messages are preached before the preacher stands up to bring his message. If your message is positive and consistent, then the message given from the pulpit will be much better received. So come each Sunday prepared to preach your sermon, enthusiastically seeking to serve and praise God!

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