

## **You're Too Harsh**

Sometimes, a gospel preacher will hear, "You're too harsh." This is said in response to a pointed lesson on denominational error, immorality, or unfaithful brethren. It is said because men object to exposing the unfruitful works of darkness. The objector might call upon the preacher to be more like Christ. We agree with this statement, but not the intent-- stop exposing and identifying error.

Christ called the Pharisees and scribes "hypocrites," "fools," "blind," "serpents," and "brood of vipers" (Matthew 23:13-33). He said false teachers were "wolves" (Matthew 7:15). He designated some men as "liars" (John 8:55). We have never known of a preacher in our time to say such things.

If men read their Bible, they would know Christ was not only kind, but also candid. Jesus loved righteousness and hated lawlessness (Hebrews 1:9). We must do the same, despite complaints.

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