

if they are obedient. One test of obedience is whether God's people are willing to allow a man called to preach, to preach. To be sure, an expositor will have some other duties, but if a congregation wants a man to produce meaty sermons, he will need to spend the greater percentage of his work week in sermon preparation.

b. Counseling is moving back into the church where it belongs. In the past, pastors referred difficult counseling problems to professional psychologists and psychiatrists. There is a change under way. Dr. Jay E. Adams and others have not only challenged men of God to take this responsibility back, but have shown the way to do it from the Word of God. Many pastors are receiving training in counseling through seminaries, and through organizations such as the Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation in Laverock, Pa. With this increase in ability to handle problems, the pastors work load will also increase. People will be coming to him rather than searching the yellow pages for a psychiatrist. This is a healthy trend, but it means the pastor will have less time to spend with other things and therefore, will need more help.

c. The quality of Christian education must be upgraded. The secularization of American society puts even greater demands on the church to properly educate God's people. There has never been a time when there was so much in the way of material and equipment available to the local church for education. It takes more than materials to do the job; it takes leadership that will plan, organize, train, and motivate people to do the job. If the pastor is expected to be an able expositor and a competent counselor,