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**Does Preaching pay?**  
In general the answer to the question whether a thing pays or not is determined by the results it reaches. In business, an enterprise is regarded as a paying one if it brings satisfactory dividends with uniform regularity. Preaching was established for the sake of bringing sinners, sinful, fallen men and women into union and fellowship with God through Jesus Christ. This saves men, first of all, from their sins, and secondly from the consequences of their sins. Paul said, "It pleased God through the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." That preaching is the divinely established method or means of saving men from their sins unto righteousness in person, life and character. Now, the question is, does it do that, and does it do to a reasonably satisfactory extent? In seeking a reply, notice some facts.

First. The individual result of preaching Christ, or that is, saving the sinner as an individual. Notice the rationale or process of saving an individual sinner. There are three steps. The first one is to make him see and feel that he is a sinner, or as it is styled "Conviction of sin." The result of Peter's preaching Christ "were pricked in their hearts," that is, convicted of their own sins and sinfulness. They therefore asked Peter and the shall we do?" Then the next step was their regeneration by the Holy Spirit. Hence, Paul said, "We are not saved by works of righteousness which we have done, but by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit." This is a divine supernatural work of God in the sinful human heart, or as the Prophet Ezekiel says it, "A new heart will I give unto you." As the result of this conversion the individual loses his sins which formerly he prized very highly; it makes a new man of him, and saves him from his sins. Then the third step or process through years of Christian living is the development of the new heart—planted in him at the operation of the Holy Spirit. That was the way Paul and Peter and John were saved; the every one of the three sinners were saved on the day of Pentecost; and the way this sinner from Peter's day until our every nation and every single agency which saves all that for millions of individual sinners the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If of this Gospel sinners of all degrees of sinfulness, and make Christlike of them, does it pay? scores, hundreds, thousands, yes, millions, whom the preaching of the Gospel has thus

transformed? Tell us, does preaching pay?  
Second. The domestic result of preaching. The husband and father of a family is converted, saved, and what follows? His coarseness, unkindness, intemperance, harshness, cruelty, etc., are gone, or, as the Bible expresses it, "Old things are passed away." His being saved makes a new home. Then his wife is converted. The new home is made sweeter, better, holier, happier. The children are converted, and the home is still better. If preaching does this in homes, does preaching pay? But notice, while this is going on in one home, the same process is going on in ten, twenty, may be fifty or more homes in the same town. The late Dr. Nicolas Murray, of New York, went with one or two other godly men into one of the most godless, wicked and abandoned villages in Pennsylvania, and preached every night and day for two or three weeks. Men, women and children were converted in scores of homes, and the town was transformed because the homes of the town were transformed and saved. That is the third or social result of preaching. Why does Highland Park object to and keep out saloons, brothels, gambling hells, Sunday desecration and similar evils which flaunt themselves so brazenly in many places? Because there are scores and hundreds of people here who have been converted, saved by the preaching of the Gospel, and therefore they do not like, do not want and will not tolerate these things. These same hundreds of converted individuals compose scores and scores of homes, and these homes form a social life and community here which will not have those things; and these Christian individuals and homes go beyond themselves, and largely influence scores of other individuals and homes to be better. All this comes from preaching the Gospel. Highland Park is a town where the Gospel is preached. Sodom and Gomorrah had no preaching. Does preaching pay?  
Fourth. Some general results. Any distinction between China and England or the United States? Which has had the most preaching? Contrast Spain with the United States. Preaching the Gospel here began first week, after the Pilgrims landed. Spain had it suppressed largely. Does preaching pay? Women in Turkey and our own land! Why degradation there and exaltation here? No preaching there, abundance of it here. In 1636, or sixteen years after the Pilgrim's landed at Plymouth Rock, Harvard college was founded. How many dynasties did they have stretching over Egypt and China, and yet no college called for or founded. The Pilgrims had plenty of preaching of the Gospel of Christ. Your person, your life, your home, your property, your all are safe, here and anywhere, as a rule in this broad land of ours. Where, in all China or Turkey would you find the same security and safety? What does it? Preaching. Silence the pulpit. Multiply locks, bolts and bars. Tell us, does preaching pay?  
A GOOD citizen stopped us Monday on the sidewalk and said he fully approved our position on the high school question. He further said that one of his children was in the class of those who "skipped" from the public into the high school, but he would not permit it. Said it was a shame, and an irreparable injury to the children. It certainly is nothing else, for it robs the "skippers" of the one or two years' schooling they would get if they took the regular course. It is human to stand with the crowd; it is divine to stand alone.

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