

One congregation was selecting a preacher and the following letter came from an applicant:

I have many qualifications! I have been a preacher with much success, and have had some success as a writer. Some say I am a good organizer. I have been a leader at most places where I have been, and have traveled rather extensively.

I am over 50 years of age, and have never preached in one place more than 3 years. In some places I have had to leave town, as my preaching caused disturbances and sometimes even riots. I admit I have been in jail at least 3 times, but not from any wrong doing. My health is not good but I still get a lot of work done.

The churches where I have preached have been small though located in large cities. I have not gotten along very well with religious leaders in the cities where I have preached, in fact, some have threatened me and even attacked me physically.

I am not good at keeping records; have been known to even forget some of those I have baptized. If you can use me, I shall do my best for you.

One man replied, "What hire an unhealthy, absentminded, trouble-making, jailbird! I should say not! Who is this guy anyway?" The letter was signed, --APOSTLE PAUL.

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