

## **MINISTER, TROUBLE WITH CHOIR DIRECTOR**

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There was some "bad blood" between the Minister and the Choir Director of the Church. It seems the first indication of trouble came when the Minister preached on "Dedicating Oneself To Service Of God" and the Choir Director chose to sing: "I Shall Not Be Moved".

Trying to believe it was a coincidence, the Minister put the occurrence behind him.

The next Sunday he preached on "Giving." Afterwards, the choir squirmed as the Choir Director led them in the hymn: "Jesus Paid It All".

By this time, the Minister was losing his cool. Sunday morning attendance swelled as the tension between the two built. A large crowd showed up the next week to hear his sermon on "The Sin of Gossiping." Would you believe the Choir Director selected the song: "I Love To Tell The Story?"

There was no turning back. The following Sunday the Minister told the congregation that unless something changed, he was considering resignation. The entire church gasped when the Choir Director led them in: "Why Not Tonight?"

Truthfully, no one was surprised when the Minister resigned a month later, explaining that Jesus had led him to this ministry and Jesus was leading him away. The Choir Director could not resist leading the choir in, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

**Plainly, don't get short changed.** Let's be ready to meet our Maker. The Bible (in Acts) teaches that to avoid hell and gain heaven, one must:

- 1) Believe In Jesus As Savior (16:31)
- 2) Repent Of Sins (17:30)
- 3) Confess Christ Audibly (8:37)
- 4) Be Baptized In Water (2:38)
- 5) Live A Christian Life (14:22)
- 6) Be Active In the Church (2:47)

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