

MISGUIDED WORKERS

My newspaper has a story about three firemen who were charged with setting fires. Of all the people in the world, one would think firemen would be the last to go around setting fires that destroy people's homes and put citizens and the firemen themselves at great risk of harm.

I also read stories about preachers who are wrecking congregations of the Lord's church by introducing destructive and divisive changes into the faith, worship and practice of their congregations. In days past these brothers made a commitment to devote their lives to the service of Christ's church. It is safe to assume that their intent was to build up, strengthen and help the church grow. Somewhere along the way they were misled. Someone convinced them that the church was not truly the church that Christ built and is savior of. They were persuaded that the nearly everything about the church of Christ is flawed and needs not restoration but renovation. In the wake of their misguided efforts congregations are in turmoil, members are scattered, the faith of many is corrupted and the cause of Christ is hindered by the division they have caused.

The firemen who set the fire will face serious serious penalties for their crimes. So will those preachers whose efforts have been destructive rather than helpful to the Cause Jesus died for. JHW