3. A place

What is a preacher without a place to preach?

Paul sometimes had trouble with being in the wrong place, and he left and went elsewhere (Acts 19:8-9). By contrast, Peter on the day of Pentecost found himself in just about the best possible place (Acts 2).

By "place" I don't mean just the physical place, but the occasion and opportunity.

Some churches "hold services" two or three times a week. They make them as dead and dull as can be. Only half the people attend as should. The announcements are a mumble jumble. The prayers are long winded. The singing is unrythmic, out of tune, and down in one's boots.

The preacher needs a better place than that—a place where there is a sense of occasion and where the servants serve in the manner Christ desires (1Pe 4:10-11).

4. A Paycheque

The Lord directed those who preach the gospel to get their living thereby (1Co 9:7-14).

Those who are taught should support those who teach them (Gal 6:6).

The labourer is worthy of his hire (Lke 10:7).

Nobody in the church should be in need. This includes the preachers (1Th 4:11-12, Eph 4:28).

Can we condemn those who stoned the prophets if we ourselves starve our preachers?

5. A Preacher

Yes, that's right. A preacher needs a preacher!

Timothy needed Paul to teach and train him (1Tm 3:14-15).

Others needed Timothy to teach and train them (2Tm 2:1-2).

Well trained and able evangelists need to train others well, and enable them.

6. Appreciation

We are commanded to recognize, esteem, and love, those who labour among us (1Th 5:12-13).

Preachers often work without some of these six things the church should provide, but that doesn't make those things unimportant.