

The Pastor and His Job - Part 1

In a church, everything rises or falls based on the leadership of the pastor.

A. What is a pastor?

1. Elder (1 Peter 5:1-5)...spiritual maturity/wisdom from the Jewish culture.
2. Bishop/overseer (Greek culture) watching out, guide, guardian.
3. Pastor/shepherd...loving care, feeding, providing for the sheep. A special meaning given the relationship between God and Israel.

Often Elder, Bishop/overseer, and pastor used interchangeably.

B. A Pastor must be called...three conditions

1. Called by Christ, equipped/gifted for the pastoral ministry (Ephesians 4:11);
2. Set apart by the Holy Spirit to oversee the ministry (Acts 20:28) and "...I am under compulsion" (1 Corinthians 9:16);
3. Christ's call in his life is recognized by other church leaders (1 Timothy 4:11, 14).

C. A Pastor must be qualified...it's all about character, a high level of Christian character.

According to 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9

1. Good reputation...inside/outside the church, above reproach, blameless, good work ethic;
2. Godly home...blameless with moral and sexual purity, oversees his church and home with truth, love, and discipline;
3. Well balanced in his life/work...sober, sound mind, respectful, organized, and disciplined;
4. Maintains Godly values...(Romans 14:21);
5. Loving heart...hospitable;
6. Mature faith...firm grip on scriptures;
7. Able to teach...ability/readiness to impart truth.

Sunday Sermon Outline

A man becomes your pastor when he is called/appointed...the church is delegating him all the authority and responsibility of Pastor. (Acts 14:23)