

# **First Baptist Church – Odessa**

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## **“I Expect Them to be Faithful”**

**“12 Expectations of Your Pastoral Leadership” – Pt. 2**

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 & Selected

While the world values highly the glitz and glamour of success,  
God values highly the grit and grind of faithfulness!

### **I Expect My Pastoral Leadership to Develop...**

#### **1. Callouses as a servant of Christ Jesus!**

*“This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ.”* Vs. 1a

#### **A Faithful Servant of Christ Jesus...**

- Finds his identity in Jesus above all else.
- Joyfully embraces his position as a slave to his Master.
- Reflects humility in keeping with his lowly position.

#### **2. Wisdom as a steward of the mysteries of God!**

*“...and stewards of the mysteries of God.”* Vs. 1b

*“For an overseer, as God’s steward, must be above reproach.”*

Titus 1:7

#### **3. Sweat stains as a faithful worker for the Kingdom!**

*“Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.”*

Vs. 2

## Faithfulness is...

- **Recognizing the gifts God has blessed me with!**

*“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability.” Matthew 25:14-15*

- **Obediently putting the gifts to work for His glory!**

See Matthew 25:16-18

- **Earning a full return on God’s investment in me!**

See Matthew 25:19-20, 22

- **Finishing the job to hear two words, “Well done!”**

*“His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’” Matthew 25:21*

- **Refusing to play it safe and achieve nothing for the Kingdom!**

See Matthew 25:24-30