

Night Life 3.15

Change your mind, change your life!

Jesus' gifts to the Church were given to train them to rule and reign as one.

EPHESIANS 4:11-12 AMP

And [His gifts to the church were varied and] He Himself appointed some as apostles [special messengers, representatives], some as prophets [who speak a new message from God to the people], some as evangelists [who spread the good news of salvation], and some as pastors and teachers [to shepherd and guide and instruct],

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The gifts Jesus gave the church are apostles [pioneer messengers], prophets [seers and knowers of right-now revelation], evangelists [those focused on seeing the lost saved], pastors and teachers [those who guard, guide, train and instruct God's kids].

These gifts are SUPERNATURAL, not learned or earned, but given.

A Word of God pastor is not an employee but a gift.

A ministry gift, including a pastor, must be ruled and directed by the Father, PERIOD.

I PETER 5:1-4 AMP

Therefore, I strongly urge the elders among you [pastors, spiritual leaders of the church], as a fellow elder and as an eyewitness [called to testify] of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory that is to be revealed: 2 shepherd and guide and protect the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not [motivated] for shameful gain, but with wholehearted enthusiasm; 3 not lording it over those assigned to your care [do not be arrogant or overbearing], but be examples [of Christian living] to the flock [set a pattern of integrity for your congregation]. 4 And when the Chief Shepherd (Christ) appears, you will receive the [conqueror's] unfading crown of glory.

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1-2 As one who witnessed the suffering of Jesus I encourage you elders (pastors, shepherds, and spiritual leaders to guide, direct, and protect the people in your care; willingly oversee them, not for the benefits or

prestige, but according to the Father's love for them. 3 Don't be a dominator, arrogant, or demeaning to those in your care but an example of integrity and faithfulness to the congregation. 4 When Jesus the Chief Shepherd shows up you will receive your eternal rewards.

Like Jesus had one head, so do the under-shepherds He has called.

Nowhere in the Word are God's gifts to be ruled by men.

Boards and committees are the traditions of men not God.

If a pastor does not have the authority to rule and direct the church he is an employee.

To be ruled by the Father and people is impossible; you can't serve TWO MASTERS.