

Pastoral **Covering** Protects and Provides

Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit. (Hebrews 13:17)

What **COVERING** Means:

Spiritual **protection** against deception (Acts 20:28–30).

A shepherd who stands **between you and danger** (John 10:12–13).

Prayer covering and **intercession** (1 Samuel 12:23).

Someone to provide **wisdom, counsel, and correction** (Proverbs 11:14).

PowerPoint Points:

A pastor guards your **soul**. A pastor guards your **doctrine**. A pastor guards your **destiny**.

Without Covering:

Sheep become **scattered** (Matthew 9:36). Believers become **vulnerable** (1 Peter 5:8). Lives become spiritually **unstable** (James 1:6–8).

Community **Connection** Builds Stability

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. 43 A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. 44 And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. 45 They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. 46 They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—47 all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved. (Acts 2: 42-27)

What **Connection** Means

You are part of the **Body of Christ** (1 Corinthians 12:12–27).

Spiritual gifts are activated in **community**.

You receive **support, prayer, encouragement, and accountability**.

You grow through **teaching, fellowship, and shared life**.

PowerPoint Points:

Connection brings **identity** (Romans 12:4–5).

Connection brings **mutual strengthening** (Ecclesiastes 4:9–12).

Connection brings **spiritual maturity** (Proverbs 27:17).

Without Connection:

Isolation leads to **weakness**.

No accountability leads to **drift**.

No fellowship leads to **discouragement**.

Your **Commission** is tied to Connection

What COMMISSION Means:

You are **trained** and **equipped** to serve.

You are released into your **God-given assignment**.

You live out your calling with **spiritual authority** and **support**.

You join the mission of the church to **win souls, serve the city, and glorify Christ**.

PowerPoint Points:

Pastors help **develop** your gift (1 Timothy 4:14).

Church family helps you **practice** your gift (1 Peter 4:10).

God uses community to **send** you (Acts 13:1–3).

Without Commission:

Gifts remain **unused**.

Purpose becomes **unclear**.

Influence is **limited**.

What does your pastor need from you?

- Do You voluntarily submit to **spiritual leadership?** (Hebrews 13:17).
- Do You allow your pastor to speak into your **life, choices, and growth?**
- Do You receive instruction from your pastor **assigned by God?** (Jeremiah 3:15).
- Do You walk with the one committed to your **soul's wellbeing?**

What does your Church need from you?

- Stop living spiritually **independent**.
- Become part of your **spiritual home**.
- Embrace **relationships** that sharpen you.
- Contribute your **time, gifts, and service**.
- **Grow** in community under the same vision.

Three Benefits

1. COVERING — Your Protection

Scriptures: Hebrews 13:17, Acts 20:28, John 10:11–13

2. CONNECTION — Your Community

Scriptures: Acts 2:42–47, Romans 12:5, Ecclesiastes 4:9–12

3. COMMISSION — Your Purpose

Scriptures: Matthew 28:19–20, Acts 13:1–3, Ephesians 4:11–12