

## WHAT IS A PASTOR TO DO? Pt. 1

### A. The ROLE & RESPONSIBILITIES of the ELDERS In the Church. (1 Peter 5:1-4)

#### 1. The SINGULAR ROLE. (1 Peter 5:2)

a. The scriptural imperative describing the role of elders in a local church is to  
“\_\_\_\_\_ the flock of God.”

b. The term “shepherd” (poimaino) instructs pastors to \_\_\_\_\_ (active voice) the flock of God with the realization that this is God’s \_\_\_\_\_ for them (imperative mood).

- What do these shepherding responsibilities involve?
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  - 6) P

#### 2. The SCRIPTURAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. Shepherding God’s flock involves \_\_\_\_\_... as a pastor is to feed the flock of God the very Word of God from a grace- perspective in all 3 tenses of salvation, as well as regarding God’s plan of the ages. (John 21:15-17; 1 Timothy 4:6, 11, 13, 16; 2 Timothy 2:2, 24-25, 4:1-4, 17, Titus 1:3, 9; 2:1, 15)

- What elements does an effective teaching ministry that feeds God’s sheep require of the pastor?
  - Relative \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Tim. 3:1-7)
  - Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Timothy 3:2)
  - Practical \_\_\_\_\_ (Titus 2:15)
  - The time, tools & willingness to be \_\_\_\_\_ in the study of the Scriptures. (2 Tim. 2:15)
  - An ongoing, abiding, \_\_\_\_\_ on Christ as your Life. (John 15:1-5)
  - A passion to \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 20:24)
- What elements does the proper intake of the preaching of God’s Word require on the congregation’s part?
  - That you want & make a high priority to be fed sound doctrine (1 Peter. 2:2)
  - That you see the value of consecutive & topical expository preaching (1 Tim. 4:13)
  - That you are willing to regularly attend and be fed. (Heb. 10:24-25)
  - That you come with a humble and teachable attitude. (James 1:19-21)
  - That you do not come to audit the class, but to apply the Word of God. (James 1:22-25)

- That you financially remunerate your pastor(s) to allow him to devote his time to the ministry of the Word (1 Tim. 5:17-18; Gal. 6:6)
- Colossians 1:28-29; 2:6-8
- When teaching the Word of God is neglected, or in contrast is viewed as the pastor's responsibility exclusively, what imbalances occur?
  - Knowing doctrine becomes an end in itself instead of a means to faith, hope, love, growth, obedience, etc.
  - The pastor's character qualifications (or lack thereof) are downplayed in lieu of his teaching giftedness.
  - An evangelistic vision to reach the lost is largely missing or they are not equipped.
  - There is little "body-life" among the saints and instead it becomes largely a one-gift church.
  - The pastor is unaccountable and largely untouchable as the need for a plurality of elders (if there are qualified ones available) or other spiritual leaders is downplayed or rejected, while the pastor's singular authority becomes paramount.
  - Greek and Hebrew are over-emphasized in his academic style of teaching with little application or exhortation given.
- What is the value of the C-A-P-S method. (1 Corinthians 14:9)

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- How does this apply to you?