

WHAT IS A PASTOR TO DO? Pt. 3

A. The ROLE & RESPONSIBILITIES Of The Spiritual Leadership In The Church (1 Peter 5:1-4)

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

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. (John 21:15-17; 1 Tim. 4:6, 11, 13, 16; 2 Tim. 2:2, 24-25, 4:1-4, 17, Titus 1:3, 9; 2:1, 15)**
- b. **Shepherding God’s flock involves _____ ... as a pastor must carefully guard and watch over the flock of God for those dangerous predators that would harm them spiritually. (Acts 20:28-32)**
- c. **Shepherding God’s flock involves _____ ... as a pastor needs to engage in a ministry of intercessory prayer for people’s needs.**
- d. **Shepherding God’s flock involves _____ ... as a pastor must personally model the biblical truths he publicly teaches. (1 Timothy 4:12)**

- **How do you get people to not despise your youth? (1 Peter 5:2-3)**

Only by Timothy consistently demonstrating a growing and godly maturity in life and conduct would their natural tendency to despise his youth be overcome. Then he would acquire the needed respect to carry out his assigned pastoral functions.

- **What 6 areas of example does Paul underscore?
Generally...**

- _____ (en logo) – This refers to becoming an example in your speech both publicly and privately. (Eph. 4:29)
- _____ (en anastrophe) – This refers to becoming a model in your conduct or lifestyle.

Specifically...

- _____ (en agape) – This refers to becoming a pattern to emulate in your selfless and sacrificial love. (John 13:34-35)
- _____ (en pneumatē) – This refers to becoming someone worthy of following in your enthusiasm for the Lord’s work. (Col. 3:23)
- _____ (en pistei) – This refers to becoming an example in your daily walk of faith and/or in your reliability. (Heb. 13:7)
- _____ (en hagneia) – This refers to becoming a model of moral purity generally, and sexual purity or chastity in particular. (1 Thess. 4:3-5)

- **How can you become an example? (1 Tim. 4:15-16)**

- ***On the human side***, intense, ongoing mental occupation and absorbed devotion to the Lord and His Word are absolutely necessary. (1 Tim. 4:15)
- ***On the divine side***, the Scriptures encourage us to continually draw on God's grace resources. (Phil. 2:13; 1 Thess. 5:24)
- ***Two commands:***
 - 1) "Take heed to yourself, and to the doctrine."
 - 2) "Continue in them" (1 Cor. 10:12)
- ***Two consequences:***
 - 1) "you will save (2nd tense / phase – practical sanctification) both yourself"
 - 2) "you will save both yourself"

e. **Shepherding God's flock involves _____... as a pastor must be involved in personal contact in addressing people's needs. (1 Thessalonians 2:1-12)**

- **1 Thessalonians 2:1-11:**

- **What 3 activities do Paul and his associates specifically engage in like a father? (2:11)**

- a. "exhorted" – to come alongside and exhort, motivate; to warn or admonish a person like a dad does.
- b. "comforted" – to speak comforting words; to console someone who is hurting.
- c. "charged" – to urge or testify or implore a person to a specific course of action.

- **What was the goal or objective of their pastoral care? (1 Thess. 2:12)**

- **Does this kind of pastoral care and involvement require personal sacrifice? (1 Thess. 3:1-3)**

- **What exactly did the new converts need?**

- **Will your labor be "in vain"? (1 Thess. 3:4-5)**

- From the standpoint of the *recipient* and *the temporary results*, your labor _____ be "in vain." (1 Thess. 3:5)
- From *God's standpoint in light of eternity*, your labor is _____ "in vain" in the Lord. (1 Cor. 15:58)

- **1 Thess. 5:14-15**

- **Galatians 6:1-5**