

THE PASTOR'S PURPOSE

1. Systematic Bible teaching that has a positive growth emphasis is what is required for spiritual growth. It is only half the equation, the other half being the believers faith response (Hebrews 4:1-12), but for all who would be pastor teachers it is our half of the equation!
2. The Pastor must have authority to teach and be backed up by the [other leadership] who by their support identify that the Bible and its teaching is important.
3. God has ordained that believers grow in association with others under a called and trained Pastor. ... There are to be no "solitary" Christians trying to grow alone separated from the body of believers the church. Hebrews 10:24-25,
4. Unless we learn the Word of God we will not grow spiritually. 1 Peter 3:18.
5. Believers will recognize false teaching only because they have heard good and sound teaching and built up discernment. ... Romans 16:17, 2 Timothy 3:14, 15, 2 John 7, 2 Peter 2:1-3.
6. When churches got into false teaching Paul would always say, "that isn't what you were taught", and every pastor must be able to do this also if people get into error. ... Ephesians 4:20, 21, Romans 16:17, Philippians 4:9, Galatians 1:1-12.
7. The teachers words and his life must tie together to be an example for all to follow. Philippians 3:13-20, 4:9, Matthew 7:15 - 20.
8. The Lord's command through Paul is that we study the Word of God. 2 Timothy 2:15, 3:14-17.
9. The Lord will always provide the pastor to teach the Word. Ephesians 4:11- 16.



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“Elders”

Commenting on Titus 2:2 Cliff Wilson writes:

All older believers should be mature and spiritually qualified for office, even if they are not called to it, they should be spiritually ready for it.

The health of the church is not seen in it's youth group, although that is where all too often the emphasis is placed. The true health of the church is based in the older believers who are truly mature in their living faith-walk in the Lord Jesus Christ, as well as just being mature in years.

As Paul has already made clear in 1 Timothy 5, the praying widows of the church are the spiritual "power house" of the church; if the older people pray with focus and power and witness where they can the youth will be empowered to do the things that they should do. But if the older people do not pray, and do not keep growing spiritually then the church is truly dead and it will be a dangerous place.

Revival begins when the mature believers get their hearts in the right place and heed God's Word, feed upon it, honour it, obey it and pray and witness in accord with its instructions.

Titus has got to silence the false teachers by preaching the truth ..Titus is to keep on speaking aloud true doctrine to counter balance and eliminate the false teaching that the heretics are preaching.

There are some basic principles that come from this command:





I Peter: Overcoming Suffering Now, Regarding 'Elders'.



(Acts 20:28-29) *"Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. {29} "For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock."*

I Peter 5:8

(Matthew 7:15) *"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves."*

In 1 Peter 5:1-4 Peter gives two tests for elders:

1. Are they fulfilling the _____? verses 1-2, 4,

(Matthew 17:1-2) *"Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; {2} and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light."*

(Matthew 17:5) *".. behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!""*

- ◆ _____ over the sheep
- ◆ _____ the sheep
- ◆ _____ for the sheep
- ◆ _____ the sheep

(Matthew 23:8-10) *"But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren. {9} "Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. {10} "And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ."*

(Mark 9:35) *"And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be*



last of all and servant of all."

2. Do they have the right _____? verses 2-3

There are three fleshy dangers for pastors and three corresponding Godly attitudes:

- ◆ Danger #1: a lust for _____ and the corresponding godly attitude of a good _____, verse 2
- ◆ Danger #2: a lust for _____ and the corresponding godly attitude is _____ for the sheep, verse 2

(John 10:11-13) *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. {12} "But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. {13} "The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep."*

(1 Timothy 6:10) *"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."*

- ◆ Danger #3: a lust for _____ and the corresponding godly attitude is a _____ heart, verse 3

(Ezekiel 34:4) *"The weak you have not strengthened, nor have you healed those who were sick, nor bound up the broken, nor brought back what was driven away, nor sought what was lost; but with force and cruelty you have ruled them."*

(Matthew 20:25-26) *"But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. {26} "Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant."*

(2 Corinthians 1:24) *"Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; ..."*

(3 John 1:9-10) *"I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, does not receive us. {10} Therefore, if I come, I will call to mind his deeds which he does, prating against us with malicious words. And not content with that, he himself does not receive the brethren, and forbids those who wish to, putting them out of the church."*



(1 Timothy 3:1) *"This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work."*