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Lesson 4: YOUR PASTORS

Part 1: The Pastor’s Responsibilities

Memorize: “I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.” Jeremiah 3:15

Introduction: The guiding and helping had of a godly pastor is invaluable in your walk with God. Paul said, “Be ye followers (imitators) of me, even as I also am of Christ.” (1 Corinthians 11:1). In this lesson, we will examine the vital role our pastors play in our spiritual lives.

1 Peter 5:4 tells us that Jesus is the Chief Shepherd. However, scriptures teach that God has appointed unto us pastors or undershepherds directly responsible to Christ as leaders of local assemblies. An example of an under shepherd in the Old Testament would be David. “He chose David…to be the shepherd of His people…And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them. “ Psalm 78:70-72, NIV

1. In Psalm 100:3, the Psalmist refers to the children of God as “His people, and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of His pasture.”

2. According to 1 Timothy 3:1-13 there are qualifications for leading a church. Underline these qualifications.

This is a true saying, if a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. Likewise must the deacons be grave, not double tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

3. Isaiah 40:11 “He shall \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ His flock like a shepherd. He shall \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the lambs with His arm, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them in His bosom, and gently \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_those that are with young.”

4. “Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost has made your overseers, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the church of God…” Acts 20:28.

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind…” (1 Peter 5:2)

6. “’And I will set up shepherds over them which shall \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them: and they shall \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ no more, nor be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, neither shall they be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,’ saith the LORD.” (Jeremiah 23:4)

7. “Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from me.” (Ezekiel 3:17)

 8. “I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. (2 Timothy 4:1-4)

9. “I have set \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hold their peace day nor night…” (Isaiah 62:6)

10. “And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. “(Jeremiah 3:15)

11. Neither as being lords over God’s heritage, but being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the flock. (1 Peter 5:3)

12. God has given pastors for “…the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the saints, for the work of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the body of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:12)