

The Pastor

Memory verse... Jeremiah 3:15

Objective: To understand the true pastor by the admonitions, characteristics and requirements of the Holy Bible. Also, to discern the traits of the false pastor so we can avoid them and warn other unsuspecting Christians.

Introduction: The pastor is a male overseer of a congregation that is called by God to watch, warn, feed the church the Word of God and disciple members after Jesus Christ.

I. The true pastor

Pastor = A male Christian minister having charge over a congregation or parish...a shepherd...a feeder of sheep.

- Qualifications... (saved, called, proven, informed, example)
 - Ex 18:21, I Pet 5:3, I Tim 4:12, Gal 1:11-12, I Cor 12:28
 - Heb 13:7, Matt 7:20, Jer 3:15, I The 1:5, Eph 4:11, I Jn 4:1
 - I Pet 2:21, I The 5:12, I Cor 11:3, II Cor 6:3-10
- Feeds the flock... (the Word of God)
 - Gal 1:8-9, I Pet 5:2, Jer 3:15, Acts 20:28, I Pet 2:2
 - I Cor 2:4-5, II John 10, Jn 21:15-17, II Tim 2:2
- Watches & warns... (loves us enough to tell the truth)
 - Ezek 33:1-7, Heb 13:17, Prov 27:5/17, Acts 20:31, I Sam 12:23
- Disciples Christians... (clones members after Jesus)
 - I Cor 11:1, I The 1:6, Matt 16:24, II Cor 3:2-3
- Visionary... (soul salvation, victorious Christian living, flock supports pastor by supporting vision)
 - Ps 23:3, Eph 4:12, Lk 19:10, Acts 10:38, Heb 13:7/17, Acts 20:28
 - II Kings 22/23:1-28, Matt 28:19-20, I The 5:13, Eph 3:20
- Saved leadership... (appoints ONLY Christian leadership in ALL positions)
 - Ex 18:21, Acts 6:3, I Tim 4:12, Prov 26:6/9, 28:4, I Tim 3

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II. Pastoral Support...

- Prayer support... I Tim 2:1-2, Heb 13:18, I The 3:1, Phm 22, II Cor 1:11, Eph 6:18-19, Col 4:2-4, Phil 1:19, I The 1:2, Ex 17:11-12, Rom 15:30-32

- Loyalty, submissive support... I Cor 11:1, Heb 13:7/17, I The 5:12-13, Acts 23:5, Ex 22:28, I Sam 15, Rom 13:1-4, I Pet 2:13-17

- Resource support... Num 18, Lev 24:9, Deut 25:4, Matt 10:10, Lk 10:7, I Cor 9:3-11, I Tim 5:17-18, Gal 6:6, Matt 12:3-4, Lk 8:3, Eph 4:11, I Cor 12:28, Ex 18:13-27

III. Pastoral challenges...

- Church "challengers" (church counselors, church lawyers, church spies, church hoppers, usurpers, destroys flock, causes schisms, overstepping callings, seditious) I Cor 14:26, Acts 20:29, Deut 31:28-29, Gal 2:4-5, Gal 5:20, Num 16, Prov 26:24-26, II Sam 15:1-6, Gal 1:6-7, I Tim 1:20, II Tim 2:16-18, II Tim 3, 4:14-15, III Jn 9-10, I Cor 1:11-13

IV. The false pastor...

- Carnal... (evil fruit, draws away, deceptive/worldly motives) II Cor 11:13-15, I John 2:18-19, I Sam 2:22-25, II Tim 3:5-9, Rev 2:14, I Pet 5:2-3, Deut 13:1-5, Matt 24:24, Jn 12:42-43, Jer 23:1-2, Matt 7:15-20, Ezek 34, Mic 3:11, II Pet 2:14, Acts 20:30, Acts 8:9-13, Rom 16:17-18

- Traditional dogma... (unsaved leadership, denominationalism, secular wisdom, no standard of righteousness, menpleasers) I Kings 13:33-34, Matt 15:1-9, II Pet 2:1, Col 2:8/18-19, Is 8:20, Is 5:20, I The 1:5, Matt 23, Jn 12:42-43, I Cor 1:17, Prov 28:4

- Why people follow them... (mind control, musical influence, materialistic, respect of persons, not wanting the truth, entertainment, personalities, styles, "who's who's"... both the pastor/member are at fault) Amos 5:21-24, I Sam 8, John 12:42-43, Ezek 33:8-33, II Pet 2:2-3/18, II Tim 4:3-4, I The 2:1-12, John 3:19-20, I Tim 3:13, Gal 4:17, Jam 2:1-4, Rom 1:18-32, Acts 24:25, Matt 11:17, I Tim 4:1-3, Rev 13:4/8