Life Changing Ministries International

 Bible Study Syllabus

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The True/False Pastor Memory Verse: Jeremiah 3:15

**OBJECTIVES:** 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 who is called

by God to watch, warn, feed the church the Word of God and to disciple members

after Jesus Christ. Females may be Pastors if they have direct male accountability

according to the Word (i.e., husband and wife pastors). 1 Cor. 11:3

**I. THE TRUE PASTOR**

[Pastor: A male Christian minister having charge over a congregation

or parish … a shepherd … a feeder of sheep.]

**A. Qualifications** (saved, called, proven, informed, example)

Exod. 18:21, 1 Pet. 5:3, 1 Tim. 4:12, Gal. 1:11–12, 1 Cor. 12:28,

Heb. 13:7, Matt. 7:20, Jer. 3:15, 1 Thess. 1:5, Eph. 4:11, 1 John 4:1,

1 Pet. 2:21, 1 Thess. 5:12, 1 Cor. 11:3, 2 Cor. 6:3–10

**B. Feeds the Flock** (the Word of God) Gal. 1:8–9, 1 Pet. 5:3, 1 Tim. 4:12,

Gal. 1:11–12, 1 Cor. 2:4–5, 2 John 10, John 21:15–17, 2 Tim. 2:2

**C. Watches and warns** (loves us enough to tell the truth) Ezek. 33:1–7,

Heb. 13:17, Prov. 27:5, 17, Acts 20:31, 1 Sam. 12:23

**D. Disciples Christians** (clones members after Jesus) 1 Cor. 11:1,

1 Thess. 1:6, Matt. 16:24, 2 Cor. 3:2–3

**E. Visionary** (soul salvation, victorious Christian living, flock supports

pastor by supporting vision) Ps. 23:3, Eph. 4:12, Luke 19:10,

Acts 10:38, Heb. 13: 7, 17, Acts 20:28, 2 Kings 22, 23:1–28,

Matt. 28:19–20, 1 Thess. 5:13, Eph. 3:20

**F. Saved Leadership** (appoints *only* Christian leadership in *all* positions)

Exod. 18:21, Acts 6:3, 1 Tim. 4:12, Prov. 26:6, 9, 28:4, 1 Tim. 3

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**II. PASTORAL SUPPORT**

**A. Prayer Support** 1 Tim. 2:1/-/2, Heb. 13:18, 2 Thess. 3:1, Philem. 22,

2 Cor. 1:11, Eph. 6:18–19, Col. 4:2–4, Phil. 1:19, 1 Thess. 1:2,

Exod. 17:11–12, Rom. 15:30

**B. Loyalty, Submissive Support** 1 Cor. 11:1, Heb. 13:7, 17,

1 Thess. 5:12–13, Acts 23:5, Exod. 22:28, 2 Sam. 15, Rom. 13:1–4,

1 Pet. 2:13–17

**C. Resource Support** Num. 18, Lev. 24:5–9, Deut. 25:4, Matt. 10:10,

Luke 10:7, 1 Cor. 9:3–11, 1 Tim. 5:17–18, Gal. 6:6, Matt. 12:3–4,

Luke 8:3, Eph. 4:11, 1 Cor. 12:28, Exod. 18:13–27

**III. PASTORAL CHALLENGES**

**A. Church “Challengers”** (church counselors, church lawyers, church

spies, church hoppers, usurpers—destroy flock, cause schisms, overstep

callings, sedition, goats—hard headed) 1 Cor. 14:26, Acts 20:29,

Deut. 31:28–29, Gal. 2:4–5, Gal. 5:20, Num. 16, Prov. 26:24–26,

2 Sam. 15:1–6, Gal. 1:6–7, 1 Tim. 1:20, 2 Tim. 2:16–18, Neh. 6,

2 Tim. 3, 4:14–15, 3 John 9–10, 1 Cor. 1:11–13, Rom. 16:17–18

**IV. THE FALSE PASTOR**

**A. Carnal** (evil fruit, sensual, draws away, fleshly, deceptive/worldly

motives, hireling [no real interest, unfaithful, will skip out])

2 Cor. 11:13–15, 1 John 2:18–19, 1 Sam. 2:22–25, 2 Tim. 3:5–9,

Rev. 2:14, 1 Pet. 5:2–3, Deut. 13:1–5, Matt. 24:24, John 12:42–43,

Jer. 23:1–2, Matt. 7:15–20, Ezek. 34, Mic. 3:11, 2 Pet. 2:14,

Acts 20:30, Acts 8:9–13, Rom. 16:17–18, Mal. 2

**B. Traditional Dogma** (unsaved leadership, denominationalism, secular

wisdom, no standard of righteousness, menpleasers) 1 Kings 13:33–34,

Matt. 15:1–9, 2 Pet. 2:1, Col. 2:8, 18–19, Isa. 8:20, Isa. 5:20,

1 Thess. 1:5, Matt. 23, John 12:42–43, 1 Cor. 2:17, Prov. 28:4

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**C. Why People Follow Them** (mind control, musical influence,

ignorance, materialistic, respect of persons, not wanting the truth,

entertainment, personalities, styles, “who’s who” status—both the

pastor/member are at fault) Amos 5:21–24, 1 Sam. 8, John 12:42–43,

Ezek. 33:8–33, 2 Pet. 2:2–3, 18, 2 Tim. 4:3–4, 2 Thess. 2:1–12,

John 3:19–20, 2 Tim. 3:13, Gal. 4:17, James 2:1–4, Rom. 1:18–32,

Acts 24:25, Matt. 11:17, 1 Tim. 4:1–3. Rev. 13:4, 8

**CONCLUSION** Jesus knew that there would be many false ministers who

would rise up through the annals of time and do reprehensible damage to

many believers and unbelievers. Therefore, it behooves us to know the truth

about the pastor from the Word of God. Remember, the true testimony of a

pastor is not what men say about him, nor the materialism of a building, nor

the size of a congregation. Rather, it is the fruit that is produced in the member’s

life and through the leadership that gives members the tools they need to

live a victorious and holy life in Jesus Christ.

**REVIEW**

• Explain the traits of the true pastor.

• Explain the traits of the false pastor.

• Explain why people follow false pastors.

• What are the qualifications of the true pastor?

• Explain how we support the true pastor.

**KEY TERMS**

shepherd

sheep

hireling

goats

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