

Doctrinal Studies

PASTOR-TEACHER

I. THE GIFT

1. The gift of apostle and prophet are temporary gifts.
2. The gift of evangelist and PT carry the Church to the Rapture.
3. The gift of PT is a "hyphenated gift" because one definite article serves both "pastors" and "teachers", while the conjunction "and" acts as a hyphen. (Two words are employed, but only one idea is intended. This is called a "hendiadus")
4. The word "Pastor" means shepherd and metaphorically refers to the one who is in charge of a flock of sheep.
5. The second noun "teachers", emphasizes the individual Pastor's number one priority as a leader; namely to lead the sheep to spiritual nourishment (Jn.21:15-17).
6. The thrust of this gift is to equip the Royal family to carry out the various aspects of the ministry, to bring perceptive volition to maturity (Eph.4:12,13).

II. SYNONYMS

1. Messenger-aggelos, a spokesman for God to the local church (Rev.2:1,8,12,18;3:1,7,14)
2. Minister-diadonos, doulos, a servant to perceptive volition (Mk.10:43,44; I Cor.3:5)
3. Teacher-didaskalos, the Pastor's responsibility to communicate the contents of Scripture (I Tim.2:7; 2 Tim.1:11)
4. Bondslave-the Pastor is to obey God and trust Him in all aspects of his ministry (Lk.12:43; Rom.1:1; 2 Tim.2:24; Ti.1:1)
5. Overseer-episkopos, the Pastor is to watch over the general welfare of the flock (Acts 20:28;I Tim.3:2)
6. Herald-kerux, clearly and emphatically declare God's Word, no matter the response (2 Pet.2:5; I Tim.2:7 (vb.occurs 61X
7. Shepherd-poimaino, a Pastoral metaphor (Jn.10:2; Eph.4:11)
8. Elder-presbuteros, a word of Jewish origin indicating respect believers are to show spiritual leaders (I Pet.5:1,5; 2 Jn.1; 3 Jn.)

STEPS TO THE PASTORATE

- I. God the HS bestows the gift at Salvation (I Tim. 3:1; Eph. 3:7). This is a gift to males (I Tim. 2:12; I Cor. 14:34)
- II. Gift recognition comes with normal spiritual growth.
- III. Preparation – “Timothy Principle” (2 Tim.2:2)
- IV. Ordination by a local church upon having met the qualifications necessary to assume the office (I Tim. 5:22; 3:1-7,10)
- V. God the HS brings flock and minister together (Acts 20:28) until such time, God will put the minister on “hold” to test him.