

Seven Teaching Angels – Seven Pastors

1. The "*seven spirits of God*" and "*the seven stars*" means that the job of the seven teaching angels was to teach the pastors of the 7 churches. The canon was not completed at this time, so God used teaching angels to communicate the thinking of the Lord Jesus Christ. One teaching angel was assigned to each Pastor in those 7 churches of the Asia province (Mark 8:12; Heb.1:7; 1:14). These were *elect angels*.
2. An aster (αστέρ) is a light container. The pastor is to have light in his soul (Rev.1:16; Rev. 1:20).
3. These stars are described as being in His right hand in Rev. 1:16.
4. The only major emphasis of the congregation is to have a message from God, from the Word, through the communicator. It is the MESSAGE – not the MESSENGER!
5. The Pastor has a spiritual gift according to Eph.4:11.
6. The authority given to the pastor reveals that the disseminator has special protection from God – but also double discipline when necessary. So People should never feel called to "get the preacher straight". Since *the Heavenly Father knows all the facts*, He knows exactly how to handle every situation.
7. The Pastor is a trilogy:
 - 1) Personal life
 - 2) Spiritual life
 - 3) Message
8. People are required to respect the authority of the Spiritual Gift, listen attentively to the teaching, otherwise, silently move on. Good manners, poise, quietness are always in order.
9. The Pastor's Authority is based totally upon the Spiritual gift, and the faithfulness of communication.
10. The word star – αστέρ – accusative plural – emphasizes the importance of the Pastor having light before he teaches.