

Pastor-Teacher

I. THE GIFT

1. The gift of apostle and prophet are temporary gifts.
2. The gift of evangelist and pastor-teacher carry the church to the Rapture.
3. The gift of pastor-teacher 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 “*hendiadys*” – pronunciation: *hen 'dīadəs*).
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. ([John 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-(ἄγγελός), a spokesman for God to the local church. ([Rev. 2:1 ,8, 12, 18; 3:1, 7,14](#))
2. Minister-(διάκονος, δοῦλος), a servant to perceptive volition. ([Mark 10:43, 44; I Cor. 3:5](#))
3. Teacher-(διδάσκαλος), the pastor’s responsibility to communicate the contents of scripture. ([I Tim. 2:7; 2 Tim. 1:11](#))
4. Bond-slave-(δοῦλον) 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; Titus 1:1](#))

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5. Overseer-(ἐπίσκοπος), the Pastor is to watch over the general welfare of the flock ([Acts 20:28](#); [1 Tim. 3:2](#))
6. Heralds (κῆρυξ), ([1 Tim. 2:7](#)) clearly and emphatically declare God's Word, no matter the response. ([2 Pet. 2:5](#))-(κήρυκα) (verb occurs 61 times)
7. Shepherd (ποιμὲνός), a pastoral metaphor. ([John 10:2](#); [Eph. 4:11](#))
8. Elder-(πρεσβύτερος), a word of Jewish origin indicating respect believers are to show spiritual leaders. ([1 Pet. 5:1, 5](#); [2 John 1](#); [3 John 1](#))

III. STEPS TO THE PASTORATE

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