

THE OFFICE OF PASTOR #1

PHIL. 1:1 - The Bible gives the nature, qualifications, and duties of the only two officers (Pastor and Deacon) of a New Testament Church (an organized body of baptized believers).

- I. BIBLE TERMS FOR A PASTOR
 - A. Bishop (episcopos) "Overseer" - Duty - 1 TITUS 1:7
 - B. Elder (presbuteros) "Ruler" - Dignity - 1 PET. 5:1,2&4
 - C. Pastor (poimen) "Shepherd" - Design - 1 PET. 5:4
 - D. Baptists use the term pastor because of misuse elsewhere
 - E. Contrast ACTS 20:17&28
 1. Terms interchangeable for the same office
 2. Terms demonstrate different aspects of the office
 - F. All point to one thing: Orderly Leadership - TITUS 1:5

- II. BIBLE PURPOSE FOR A PASTOR
 - A. Caretaker (overseer) for flock - 1 PET. 2:25, 5:4
 - B. Jesus is the Chief Shepard, pastor is "under-shepherd"
 - C. A Pastor is under direction and authority of Christ
 - D. Pastors are a gift to a church from God EPH. 4:11-16
 1. For bringing members to spiritual maturity
 2. God calls men into the ministry
 3. A church recognizes God's call and ordains
 4. The Holy Spirit places them ACTS 13:1-4

- III. BIBLE DUTIES FOR A PASTOR
 - A. Lead - Do the work of an Elder HEB. 13:7,17,24
 1. By Example - 1 PET. 5:3b
 2. By Oversight - 1 PET. 5:2
 3. Doesn't "just happen" - Taking oversight...
 4. Strong leadership equals a strong church
 5. Not a dictator - 1 PET. 5.3a, MATT. 20:26-28
 - B. Feed - Do the work of a Shepherd ACTS 20:28
 1. Apt to Teach - 1 TIM. 3:2
 2. Labor - 1 TIM. 5:17
 3. Study - 2 TIM. 2:15
 4. Preach - 2 TIM. 4:2
 5. Train - 2 TIM. 2:2
 6. Evangelize - 2 TIM. 4:5
 - C. Heed - Do the work of a Bishop TITUS 2:15
 1. Take heed of himself - ACTS 20:28
 2. Take heed of the whole church - ACTS 20:28
 3. Watch for religious wolves - ACTS 20:29
 4. Watch for dividers and heretics - ACTS 20:30
 5. Watch for the souls of his flock - HEB. 13:17
 6. Stop the mouths of unruly / vain - TITUS 1:10,11
 7. Pray and visit the sick - JAMES 5:14