

THE OFFICE OF PASTOR #3

EPH. 4:11-12 - The Bible tells us that a pastor is God's Gift to a Church. He is accountable to God for the direction of a church. Gifts should be met with gratitude and thankfulness. Not only to the pastor, but to God.

- I. GIVEN TO HOSPITALITY 1 TIM. 3:2 / TITUS 1:6&7
 - A. This is the natural outflow of brotherly love HEB. 13:1&2
 - B. A practical open-heartedness (but not a door mat or naive)
 - C. Actively seeking every opportunity to be a blessing

- II. PASTORS MUST BE APT TO TEACH 1 TIM. 3:2 / TITUS 1:6
 - A. He must have the ability to communicate God's Word
 1. In a way that feeds and nourishes the flock
 2. In a way that serves to "perfect the saints"
 - B. The teaching should be:
 1. Authoritative - 1 TIM. 4:11; TITUS 2:15
 2. Affirmative - 1 TIM. 6:2g
 3. Appropriate - 2 TIM. 2:25

- III. PASTORS MUST NOT BE GIVEN TO WINE 1 TIM. 3:2 / TITUS 1:9
 - A. A total abstainer from all alcoholic beverages
 1. To obey God's Word PROV. 20:1, 23:29-35
 2. To set a godly example to others
 3. To maintain control of himself!
 - a. Notice how we are not to be out of control
 - b. Anger, lust, and drunken!
 - B. Not to include medicine (i.e., cough syrup) 1 TIM. 5:23

- IV. PASTORS MUST NOT BE A STRIKER 1 TIM. 3:2 / TITUS 1:8
 - A. Refers to physical attack ("to smite")
 - B. A pastor must never resort to violence (physical or verbal)
 - C. Mildness and restraint
 1. Christ with the money changers? ROM. 12:19
 2. "Give place unto wrath" - get out of God's way
 3. "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord"

- V. PASTORS MUST NOT BE GREEDY OF FILTHY LUCRE 1 TIM. 3:2
 - A. Ill-gotten gain - thieves are not qualified!
 - B. Nothing to do with excellent personal stewardship!
 1. Be happy if the man of God is doing well!
 2. He doesn't need to drive an '89 Honda Accord
 - C. Elders must never use the position for personal enrichment
 1. Strong-arming members to use his construction company
 2. Or taking rolls of toilet paper from the church
 - D. Trustworthy in finances, in fact and in appearance