

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PASTOR

- A. The **IMPORTANCE** and the **NEED** for Godly Leadership in the Church
- B. The **ONE TRUE HEAD** of the Church
- C. The **NAMES** for Spiritual Leaders in the Church
- D. The **PERSPECTIVE** and **POSTURE** that is needed for spiritual leaders
- E. The **BIBLICAL QUALIFICATIONS** for Elders (1 Timothy 3:1-7)
- F. The **BIBLICAL QUALIFICATIONS** for Deacons (1 Timothy 3:8-13)
- G. The **ROLE** and **RESPONSIBILITY** of the Spiritual Leadership in the Church (1 Peter 5:1-4)
 - 1. **The Singular Role (1 Peter 5:2)**
 - a. The Scriptural imperative describing the role of elders in a local church is to “_____ *the flock of God.*”
 - b. The term “*shepherd*” (*poimaino*) instructs pastors to _____ (*active v.*) to shepherd the flock of God with the realization that this really is God’s _____ for them (*imperative m.*)
 - 2. **The Scriptural Responsibilities**
 - a. Shepherding God’s flock involves _____ ...as a pastor is to feed the flock of God the very Word of God. (John 21:15-17; 1 Tim. 4:6, 11, 13, 16; 2 Tim. 2:2, 24-25; 4:1-4, 17; Titus 1:3, 9; 2:1, 15; 2 Pet. 1:12; 19-20; 3:15-16)
 - * What elements does an effective teaching ministry that feeds God’s sheep require of the pastor?
 - * What elements does the proper intake of the preaching of God’s Word require on the congregation’s part?
 - b. Shepherding God’s flock involves _____...as the pastor must carefully guard and watch over the flock of God for those dangerous predators that would harm them spiritually. (Acts 20:28-32)

- c. Shepherding God's flock involves _____ ...as a pastor needs to engage in a ministry of intercessory prayer for people's needs. (Acts 6:3-4; Col. 4:12-13; James 5:16)

- d. Shepherding God's flock involves _____ ...as a pastor must personally model the biblical truths he publicly teaches. (1 Tim. 4:12)

- e. Shepherding God's flock involves _____ ...as a pastor must be involved in personal contact in addressing people's needs. (1 Thess. 2:7-12)

- f. Shepherding God's flock involves _____ ...as a pastor must exercise oversight and leadership as it relates to the needs, ministries, and direction of the church.

3. The Spiritual Manner and Cautions when Shepherding God's Sheep (1 Peter 5:2-3)

NEGATIVELY

POSITIVELY

4. The Special Reward to Faithful Pastors (1 Peter 5:4)

- a. The time of receiving the reward is "_____ *the Chief Shepherd* _____".

- b. The description of the reward is "*the* _____ *of* _____".

- c. The nature of the reward is that it "*does* _____".

* How can you personally apply this truth?