2Ti 2:22-26 6-7-20

1. This morning we will continue the study of Second Timothy where Paul from prison writes to Timothy in Ephesus.

- 2. For a written and/or audio presentation of this lesson go to westbankbiblechurch.com and click-on streaming audio of services.
- 3. Before we continue, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.
- 4. When the clock tolled 11:30 last week we were in the process of teaching the *Doctrine of the Pastor-Teacher*.
- 5. Keep in mind Second Timothy is a letter with primary application to pastor-teachers and secondary application to believers in general.

### **KJV**

2Ti 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

2Ti 2:23 But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.

2Ti 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, **apt to teach**, **patient**,

2Ti 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; 2Ti 2:26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

#### **NIV**

2Ti 2:22 Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

2Ti 2:23 Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels.

2Ti 2:24 And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, **able to teach**, not resentful.

2Ti 2:25 Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, 2Ti 2:26 and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

## **Doctrine of Pastor-Teacher**

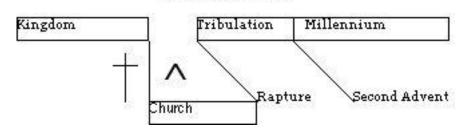
## Introduction

- 1. Pastors are urged to flee youthful lusts.
- 2. One of the qualifications of a pastor-teacher is that he is to be, a family man who has demonstrated that he can rule a family well.
- 3. And he is to "flee youthful lusts and follow instead righteousness, faith, love and peace ... out of a pure heart thus a mature believer full of Bible doctrine.
- 3.1 He is to avoid foolish controversies and foolish controversies could mean any activity or practice, but the teaching of God's word.
- 3.2 Paul goes on to say: "Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels and a pastor teacher must not quarrel but instead he must teach the Word because the teaching of doctrine will produce vessels of honor.
- 3.3 Controversies follow Satan's plan and facilitate his programs.
- 4. How is the pastor-teacher to become what he is supposed to be. It comes from preparation, a product of studying God's Word.

## **Definition**

- 1. A male believer with the gift of pastor-teacher provided by the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation.
- 1Co 12:4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit ...
- 1Co 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit.
- 1Co 12:8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit ...
- 1Co 12:11 But all these worketh that one and the very same Spirit dividing to every man severally as He will.
- 1.1 The gift of pastor-teacher is designed for use in the **Church Age** to communicate the Word of God from the original language to an assigned group of believers.

### INTERCALATION



### **NIV**

Heb 13:7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life (*study and teach*, *study and teach*) and (*you should also*) imitate their faith.

### **NIV**

Heb 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

1.2 The gift is one of two extant <u>communication</u> gifts in the Church Age, i.e., evangelism and pastor-teacher.

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

# **Concept**

- 1. Since all believers are Royal Family, we must know about God's system of authority for growth.
- 2. The promises in the Word of God to believers are many and are provided for our benefit that we may grow spiritually.
- 2Pe 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.
- 2Pe 1:3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.
- 2Pe 1:4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and <u>escape</u> the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

- 3. Spiritually speaking there are three basic categories of authority in the Church Age: Word, pastor-teacher and the Holy Spirit.
- 3.1 The Written Word -- Scripture.

2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 2Ti 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

3.2 The <u>pastor teacher</u> is to teach the Canon of Scripture.

Acts 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

- 3.3 As a believer with the permanent indwelling of the <u>Holy Spirit</u> we will be taught by the Spirit when we desire doctrine and bring the Holy Spirit to Church. When you hunger and thirst after righteousness you will be filled.
- 4. The pastor teacher is the human catalyst to assist in the grace process of inculcation of the Word from the printed page to the soul of the believer.

1Ti 5:17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine.

1Pe 5:2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

5. The gift of pastor teacher like all gifts is bestowed solely at the discretion of the Holy Spirit.

1Co 12:11 But all these worketh that one and the self-same Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

6. The gift requires recognition and preparation for it to function.

- 1Ti 4:14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.
- 2Ti 1:6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.
- 7. The gift when functioning properly carries with it both authority and ability to communicate the Word. It is to be done via monologue only.
- 8. The gift is for males only.
- 1Ti 2:11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.
- 1Ti 2:12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.
- 1Ti 2:13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.
- 1Ti 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

### **Nomenclature**

- 1. **PRESBUTEROS** is translated Elder in the KJV and means the "old man with the authority."
- 1Ti 5:17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine.
- Tit 1:5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:
- 2. **POIMEN** is translated shepherd in the KJV and means the one who cares for the sheep.
- Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some pastors and teachers;
- 1Pe 5:2 Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers--not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve;
- 3. **DIDASKALOS** is translated teacher in the KJV and means one teaching with authority in public.

- Eph 4:11 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers,
- 4. **EPISKOPOS** is translated bishop in the KJV and means one overseeing the operation as the head administrator and policy maker.
- 1Ti 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach;
- 5. **KERUX** is translated preacher in the KJV and means one announcing a message from a King as the King's representative.
- 2Ti 1:11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.
- 2Ti 1:12 For **the which cause** I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.
- 6. All of the above appellatives are used interchangeably for the pastor-teacher. Eph 4:11-16; Tit 1:4-16
- 7. The purpose of the pastor-teacher's work is to train well the ambassadors of our Lord. In other words, "for the edifying of the body of Christ."
- Eph 4:11 It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers,
- Eph 4:12 to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up
- Eph 4:13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.
- Eph 4:14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.
- Eph 4:15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.
- Eph 4:16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Tit 1:4 To Titus, my true son in our common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

Tit 1:5 The reason I left you in Crete was that you might straighten out what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you.

Tit 1:6 An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient.

Tit 1:7 Since an overseer is entrusted with God's work, he must be blameless -- not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain.

Tit 1:8 Rather he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined.

Tit 1:9 He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.

Tit 1:10 For there are many rebellious people, mere talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision group.

Tit 1:11 They must be silenced, because they are ruining whole households by teaching things they ought not to teach -- and that for the sake of dishonest gain.

Tit 1:12 Even one of their own prophets has said, "Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons."

Tit 1:13 This testimony is true. Therefore, rebuke them sharply, so that they will be sound in the faith.

Tit 1:14 and will pay no attention to Jewish myths or to the commands of those who reject the truth.

Tit 1:15 To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted.

Tit 1:16 They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.

## **Function of Pastor**

1. The primary function of the pastor-teacher is to teach the local church.

2Ti 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.

# **Expanded Translation**

2Ti 4:2 "Proclaim God's Word as His earthly herald when it is convenient and when it is inconvenient; correct, rebuke and encourage by means of patience and accurate teaching."

1Ti 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, able to teach."

2. He teaches and the congregation listens; it is their job to show up and be ready to take in the Word.

Jam 1:18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Jam 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

## **Expanded Translation**

Jam 1:19 "Now since you are supposed to be growing as His first fruits, be quick to assemble for doctrine, be quiet and listen when the Word is taught and do not emotionally react to what you hear. It is important you first think about the teaching and then make a judgment."

3. He teaches believers who elect to get under the authority of the teaching.

1Co 16:15 I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,)

1Co 16:16 That ye submit yourselves unto such, and to everyone that helpeth with us, and laboureth.

1Th 5:12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

1Th 5:13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

4. To implement policy, to protect the privacy of those who come and that would certainly include teaching by means of monologue.

5. The pastor-teacher is to be paid for his labor.

1Ti 5:17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine.

1Ti 5:18 For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, the laborer is worthy of his reward.

## Conclusion

1. A pastor-teacher will be held responsible for the spiritual growth of his congregation.

# **Expanded translation**

Heb 13:17 You must keep on obeying those pastors who keep on expertly guiding you in the Word. For they keep on diligently watching on behalf of your souls. For you see your pastor will one day have to give an account of how well he did his job. Did he prepare and teach or did he rely on some emotional clap trap or maybe did he just give you three points and a poem?

2. The pastor-teacher is a product of grace and totally undeserving. He is responsible to God and is not to be "messed with."

# **Expanded translation**

2Co 13:5 Now examine yourselves to see whether you are a mature believer; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ is in you--unless, of course, you fail the test and find that He is outside knocking.

2Co 13:6 And I trust that you will discover that we are not "reversionists" nor false teachers.

2Co 13:7 We pray that you will not falsely judge us; for I hope you will decide that we are true servants of the Lord. I do not care what unbelievers think but I do care what you think. I hope you will conclude that we have brought to you the truth.

2Co 13:8 For we can do nothing against the truth, but only for the truth. The power is in the Word and not us.

3. As David has written in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, Peter in 1Pe 5:4 and Paul in 2Ti 3:16-17 the pastor-teacher is to teach until the Chief Shepherd shall appear.

Psa 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Psa 23:2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

Psa 23:3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Psa 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Psa 23:5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Psa 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

1Pe 5:4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 2Ti 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

4.Until then the congregation are sheep to be led and taught by the pastorteacher in order "that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

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