

The Biblical Pastor (Part 4)

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1Pe 5:3 Neither as being lords over *God's* heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

I. Not as lords over —But rule by example

Php 4:9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

II. Not as lords over —Yet rule with authority (but in gentleness & meekness)

Tit 2:15 ... speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

2Co 4:5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

III. Though preachers are not lords over —God commands that they be respected

1Ti 5:17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour...

1Th 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received *it* not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

IV. Not as lords over —But as laborers in a work that is the Lord's work

Mat 9:38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

1Co 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which *was bestowed* upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

V. Not as lords over —But faithful to the LORD —And accountable to the LORD

1Co 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

Luk 16:2 ... give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward.

Heb 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you.

2Ti 4:1 I charge *thee* therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

2Ti 4:2 Preach the word ...

Eze 34:2 ... Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; Woe *be* to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks? ...

Eze 34:4 The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up *that which was* broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.

Eze 34:5 And they were scattered, because *there is* no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered.

Eze 34:6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains ... yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek *after them* ...

Eze 34:8 *As I live*, saith the Lord GOD, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because *there was* no

shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock ...

Eze 34:10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against the shepherds ...

VI. Not as lords over —But keepers of the true gospel they have been entrusted with

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

2Ti 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

2Ti 4:4 And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

1Th 2:4 But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

1Ti 1:11 ... the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

1Ti 6:20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane *and* vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

Gal 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

Gal 1:7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

Gal 1:8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

Gal 1:9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

2Co 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

2Co 11:4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or *if* ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with *him*.

1Ti 3:15 ... the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

Joh 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Joh 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

2Ti 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

VII. Not as lords over —But as servants, diligent to the daily care of the churches

2Co 11:24 Of the Jews five times received I forty *stripes* save one.

2Co 11:25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;

2Co 11:26 *In* journeyings often, *in* perils of waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils by *mine own* countrymen, *in* perils by the heathen, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren;

2Co 11:27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

2Co 11:28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

Act 15:36 ... Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, *and see* how they do.

Act 18:23 ... he departed, and went over *all* the country ... strengthening all the disciples.

Act 20:20 *And* how I ... taught you publicly, and from house to house,

The Passage from Peter

1Pe 5:1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:

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;

1Pe 5:3 Neither as being lords over *God's* heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

The Conclusion

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

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

Joh 10:11 I am the **good shepherd**: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

Heb 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that **great shepherd** of the sheep...

2Ti 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a **crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and **not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing**.