

When Christ ascended into heaven, He gave to the church pastors as gifts. (Eph 4:7-11)

In order to fully benefit from your pastor as a gift, you must...

1. Understanding the Purpose of your pastor as a Gift
 - a. Positively - for your equipping and edification (Eph 4:12-13)
 - b. Negatively - for your protection and preservation (Eph 4:14)
2. Understanding the Goal of your pastor as a Gift
 - a. To grow you to Christ likeness (Eph 4:15-16)

To reject or neglect the gift of your pastor, is to neglect or reject the gospel gift of Christ for your good.

* However, your pastor is only a gift inasmuch as He points you to the Greater Gift, Jesus Christ (John 3:16-21)