

# Ministry Gifts

## The Gift of the Pastor

Ephesians 4:11 NKJV

***And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,***

*\*While there are full-time ministers who solely teach, the “pastors and teachers” offices go hand-in-hand. This is due to the regular, systematic development needed in the local church. So we are combining the two in these sessions to explain this.*

- I. Jesus the perfect \_\_\_\_\_ of a pastor.
  - A. He is called the \_\_\_\_\_ Shepherd (1 Peter 5:4).
  - B. He is called the \_\_\_\_\_ Shepherd (Hebrews 13:20-21).
  - C. He calls Himself the \_\_\_\_\_ Shepherd (John 10:11).
  
- II. We learn \_\_\_\_\_ things from the example of Jesus:
  - A. How to \_\_\_\_\_ the sheep.
  - B. How to see the sheep as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. How to \_\_\_\_\_ the sheep.
  - D. How to \_\_\_\_\_ the sheep.
  
- III. After His resurrection, Jesus gave \_\_\_\_\_ shepherds to the Body of Christ.
  - A. They are the most \_\_\_\_\_ type of minister due to numbers of saints.
    1. They are five-fold ministry gifts \_\_\_\_\_ to the local assembly of churches.
    2. They are to \_\_\_\_\_ the local body.
    3. They are to \_\_\_\_\_ the saints.
    4. They must \_\_\_\_\_ the local church from wolves, false doctrine and heresy.
  - B. They are shepherds according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

Jeremiah 3:14-16 NKJV

***14 “Return, O backsliding children,” says the Lord; “for I am married to you. I will take you, one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion. 15 And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.***

***16 “Then it shall come to pass, when you are multiplied and increased in the land in those days,” says the Lord, “that they will say no more, ‘The ark of the covenant of the Lord.’ It shall not come to mind, nor shall they remember it, nor shall they visit it, nor shall it be made anymore.***

1. God says, I will give you shepherds according to my \_\_\_\_\_.
2. So, shepherds according to God's \_\_\_\_\_ do what?
  - a) Counsel, have expansive TV ministries, are walking \_\_\_\_\_ searches?
  - b) While they may have any of those things, God declares that shepherds according to His heart \_\_\_\_\_ His sheep.
3. Shepherds must feed God's people with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Notice what God says will \_\_\_\_\_ if you are fed with knowledge and understanding:
  - a) It \_\_\_\_\_ come to pass!
  - b) When you are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the land.
  - c) You will know the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord in your own life!

Jeremiah 23:3-4 NKJV

**3 "But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. 4 I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking," says the Lord.**

C. Notice a \_\_\_\_\_ verse later in Jeremiah.

1. God is gathering from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_!
2. They will be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!
  - a) How? By shepherds \_\_\_\_\_ them.
  - b) With \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. They will \_\_\_\_\_ no more!
4. They won't be \_\_\_\_\_ anymore!
5. They won't \_\_\_\_\_ for anything!

IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ from Jesus to Peter.

John 21:15-17 NKJV

**15 So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?"**

**He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You."**

**He said to him, "Feed My lambs."**

**16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?"**

**He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You."**

**He said to him, "Tend My sheep."**

**17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?"**

**And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You."**

**Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep."**

- A. Jesus questions Peter three times regarding his love for Jesus.
- B. Rather than asking Peter to do something directly to Him, Jesus charges him to show his love by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to His sheep.
- C. We may not enjoy a particular leadership \_\_\_\_\_ or model of certain pastors, but be very careful when you criticize a pastor.
1. They are \_\_\_\_\_ to the local assembly.
  2. They feed Jesus' sheep, not His \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. They are developing believers, not \_\_\_\_\_ them.
  4. They demonstrate their love for Jesus by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to His sheep, not by answering every petty question that pops into our imagination.