

Pastor-Teacher

I. THE GIFT

1. The gift of apostle and prophet are temporary gifts.
2. The gift of evangelist and pastor-teacher carry the church to the Rapture.
3. The gift of pastor-teacher is a “hyphenated gift” because one definite article serves both “pastors” and “teachers”, while the conjunction “and” acts as a hyphen. (Two words are employed, but only one idea is intended. This is called a “hendiadys”).(The expression of a single idea by two words connected with “and”).
4. The word “pastor” means shepherd and metaphorically refers to the one who is in charge of a flock of sheep.
5. The second noun, “teachers”, emphasizes the individual pastor’s number one priority as a leader; namely to lead the sheep to spiritual nourishment. ([John 21:15-17](#))
6. The thrust of this gift is to equip the Royal Family to carry out the various aspects of the ministry, to bring perceptive volition to maturity. ([Eph. 4:12, 13](#))

II. SYNONYMS

1. Messenger – (ἄγγελός), a spokesman for God to the local church. ([Rev. 2:1 ,8, 12, 18](#); [3:1, 7,14](#))
2. Minister – (διάκονος, δοῦλος), a servant to perceptive volition. ([Mark 10:43, 44](#); [I Cor. 3:5](#))
3. Teacher – (διδάσκαλος), the pastor’s responsibility to communicate the contents of scripture. ([I Tim. 2:7](#); [2 Tim. 1:11](#))

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4. Bond-slave – (δοῦλον) the pastor is to obey God and trust Him in all aspects of his ministry. (Lk. 12:43; Rom. 1:1; 2 Tim. 2:24; Titus 1:1)
5. Overseer – (ἐπίσκοπος), the Pastor is to watch over the general welfare of the flock (Acts 20:28; I Tim. 3:2)
6. Heralds – (κῆρυξ), (I Tim. 2:7) clearly and emphatically declare God's Word, no matter the response. (2 Pet. 2:5)-(κῆρυκα) (verb occurs 61 times)
7. Shepherd – (ποιμένος), a pastoral metaphor. (John 10:2; Eph. 4:11)
8. Elder – (πρεσβύτερος), a word of Jewish origin indicating respect believers are to show spiritual leaders. (I Pet. 5:1, 5; 2 John 1; 3 John 1)

III. STEPS TO THE PASTORATE

1. God the Holy Spirit bestows the gift at Salvation. (I Tim. 3:1; Eph. 3:7) A gift to males. (I Tim. 2:12; I Cor.14:34)
2. Gift recognition comes with normal spiritual growth.
3. Preparation – “Timothy Principle”. (2 Tim. 2:2)
4. Ordination by a local church upon having met the qualifications necessary to assume the office. (I Tim. 5:22; 3:1-7,10)
5. God the Holy Spirit brings flock and minister together, (Acts 20:28) and until such time, God will put the minister on “hold” to test and prepare him.