

## Controlling Relationships (God Gave Pastors Pt. 3)

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### Ephesians 4:8-12 ESV

8 Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."

9 (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth?

10 He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)

fill (*plēroō*) - to make full, to furnish, supply, complete, consummate

11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,

12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

### ***The American Church is missing today:***

- ***The supernatural church-planting and overseeing authority of the Apostle.***
- ***The bold declaration and discernment of God's Word by the Prophet.***
- ***The power of the Holy Spirit's conviction of sin and salvation delivered in simplicity from the Evangelist.***
- ***The compassionate and nurturing care of the Pastor.***

**SHEPHERDS** (*poimēn*) *pastor, herdsman, he to whose care others have committed themselves, and whose precepts they follow, overseer of Christian assemblies*

### **The Pastor and the Congregation - *Compassion Driven by Relationship***

***Jesus and Paul made themselves one of, and one with, those they ministered to, enabling them to best understand, to best sympathize and to best care.***

#### *Hebrews 2:17-18 ESV*

17 Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

#### *Hebrews 4:15-16 ESV*

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

#### *1 Corinthians 9:19-22 ESV*

19 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them.

20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law

(though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law.

21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law.

22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.

## The Leadership of the Pastor

**The pastor does not lead by force (coercion) nor harshness, but by example and gentleness.**

Matthew 20:20-28 ESV

20 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something.

21 And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom."

22 Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" They said to him, "We are able."

23 He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."

24 And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers.

25 But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

- **lord it over** (katakryrieuō) to bring under one's power, hold in subjection, to be master of
- **exercise authority over** (katexousiazō) to wield privilege over, exercise authority over
- The use of any spiritual, physical, psychological or emotional influence and control regardless of and even contrary to one's personal choice, conscience and conviction.
- The hypocrite (play-actor), who has learned to modify their behavior to appease another person's coercion, goes to Hell just as quickly as the openly rebellious.

John 6:64-69 ESV

64 But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.)

65 And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

66 After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him.

67 So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?"

68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,

69 and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

Matthew 20:20-28 ESV

26 It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,

27 and whoever would be first among you must be your slave,

28 even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

1 Peter 5:1-4 ESV

1 So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed:

2 shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly;

3 not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.

4 And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

- shepherd (poimaino) to tend a flock, keep sheep, nourish, cherish, to supply the soul's need, to provide pasture for food
- exercising oversight (episkopeō) to look upon, inspect, look after, care for
- willingly (hekousiōs - willingly, voluntarily, of one's own accord)
- domineering (katakyrieuō - exercise dominion, be lord over, overcome, to bring under one's power)

Hebrews 13:7 ESV

7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

2 Timothy 2:24-26 ESV

24 And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil,

25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth,

26 and they may come to their senses [KJV - "...they may recover themselves..."] and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

- By correcting with the Word of God in kindness and gentleness, that makes the Word of God the authority, not the human vessel.

Ephesians 4:15 ESV

15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.

Hebrews 13:17 ESV

17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

2 Corinthians 1:24 ESV

24 Not that we lord it over (kyrieuō - to have power over, have dominion over) your faith, but we work with you (synergos - a companion in labor, helper) for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith.

2 Thessalonians 3:7-10 ESV

7 For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, 8 nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you.

9 It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate.

10 For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.