

Appendix L

The Pastor's Responsibilities

"Fulfill your ministry" 2 Tim 4:5

"Take heed to the ministry which you received in the Lord, that you may fulfill it" Col 4:17

PREACH the Whole Counsel of God

- To the saints, 2 Tim 4:2
- To sinners, 2 Tim 4:5; Acts 20:20; 1 Cor 1:18-24
- Depending on the Spirit's power, not my own oratory, 1 Cor 2:1-5
- ✓ With the objective of conforming their lives to Christ's, Col 1:28; 2 Tim 3:16-17

ADVOCATE the Truth

- Clear, forceful, persuasive, authoritative *propagation of truth*
- Forthright, constructive, clear *exposure of error*
- ✓ With the objective of establishing a clean and clear testimony of the faith, and protecting the flock from the wolves of unbelief, Acts 20:28-31; Titus 1:9; Jude 3

SHEPHERD the Flock

- Caring through prayer and personal contact, Col 4:12; 1 Thess 2:7
- Leading by word and example, 1 Tim 3:1-7; 4:12; Heb 13:7
- Protecting myself and my flock through the Word of God, Acts 20:28; 1 Tim 4:16; Prov 24:11-12
- ✓ With the objective of ensuring salvation, Acts 20:28-30; 1 Tim 4:16; 1 Pet 5:1-4

TEACH the Truth

- Doctrine/Content oriented, specifically regarding Christ and the church, Acts 2:42
- What the Word of God means, Acts 5:42; 1 Tim 3:2; 2 Tim 2:24; Neh 8:8
- What the Word of God demands, e.g., Rom 12; Eph 4 ("therefore...")
- ✓ With the objective of an equipped, unified, mature, protected, growing body, Eph 4:11-16; Acts 20:20

OVERSEE the Church

- Equipping believers to do the work of the ministry, Eph 4:12
- Orienting all ministry toward fulfilling the Great Commission, Matt 28:19-20
- ✓ With the objective of fulfilling our biblical mission, Rom 12:8; 1 Tim 3:1-7; 5:17; 1 Pet 5:1-4

REPRODUCE Spiritual Leaders

- Doctrine, Acts 20:25-35
- "Attitude," Heb 13:17
- Position and direction
- ✓ With the objective of perpetuating godly leadership, 1 Tim 1:18; 2 Tim 2:2