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Pastoral Insight Paper

The Supreme Aim Of Church Government And Leadership

ONE: The preservation of revealed truth

TWO: The safeguarding of ethical standards

THREE: The close connection between sound doctrine
and morals

A church well served by its leaders is one
that has leaders of high moral character, leaders that are
adamant on questions of principle, maintaining true apostolic
doctrine and able to refute objectors.

Pastors who stress the following emphasis will be encouraged
by great strides of spiritual growth seen in their congregants.

Jude 20-21

ONE: "...build yourselves up on your most holy faith."

That faith once delivered to the saints, the apostolic teaching
given. "...so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and
established in the faith, as you have been taught" (Col. 2: 6-7).

TWO: "Praying in the Holy Spirit."

When prayers cannot be put into words, the Holy Spirit helps
our infirmities and intercedes according to the
will of God (Romans 8: 26-27).

THREE: "Keep yourselves in the love of God."

Persisting in loving attitudes towards one another and behavior
that glorifies God through the Holy Spirit (1 John 2: 5).

FOUR: "Looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ
unto eternal life."

Genuine faith is clearly marked by the envisioned hope of Christ's
return "...Looking for that blessed hope and glorious appearing
of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ" (Titus 2: 13)

If we pastors endeavor to help our congregants maintain these
four points of faith, we will be rewarded with the
satisfaction that our work is pleasing to God. As Paul put it,
"I have betrothed you to one husband that I may present you as a
Chaste Virgin to Christ" (1 Cor. 11: 2).