

5 Fold Gift - Pastor

Jeremiah 3:15 – And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.

- Every Pastor must pass the test of appetites and the test of identity!

Matthew 4: Jesus Tested

1 John 2:16

For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

1. The lust of the flesh - cravings and desires to please the flesh rather than God.
2. The lust of the eyes - desiring what we see, leads to materialism and greed.
3. The pride of life - confidence in self rather than God.

Kingdom definition:

Pastor — A God-appointed shepherd who leads, feeds, protects, develops, and cares for God's people according to His Word and His will.

Ephesians 4:11 – And He Himself gave some to be... pastors and teachers.

The Purpose:

Ephesians 4:11-15

- FOR THE EQUIPPING OF THE SAINTS
- FOR THE WORK OF MINISTRY.
- FOR THE EDIFYING OF THE BODY OF CHRIST.
- TO MATURE THE CHURCH.
- TO TEACH SOUND DOCTRINE.
- TO GROW THE CHURCH IN ALL THINGS INTO HIM WHO IS THE HEAD — CHRIST.

13 Principles to Becoming a Good Pastor

1. Live a life of prayer and fasting.

Luke 18:1

Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,"

Matthew 6:5

When You Pray

Matthew 6:16

When You Fast

- A life devoid of prayer and fasting will inevitably drift toward unethical and ungodly practices.
2. Walk in Wisdom - Knowledge & Ability to serve and lead God's people well.

1 Kings 3:9

Therefore, give to your servant an understanding heart to judge your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of yours?

Key Leadership Principle

Kingdom leadership begins with a desire for wisdom, discernment, and the ability to serve God's people well.

3. Protector - Stand for, with, and against all threats against the people of God.

1 Samuel 17:26b

For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?

Kingdom Leadership Principle

As a shepherd guides and protects the sheep, so a pastor is called to shepherd and protect the flock of God.

4. Stewardship - The ability to manage properly what God has placed in your hands.

John 17:9

I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.

- Stewardship includes: the people, the vision, and the resources.
- The heart of the Kingdom is managing what belongs to the King.

Kingdom Leadership Principle

Give it back to God. We own nothing; we manage everything. Psalm 24:1

5. Visionary Builder - Receives God's vision, builds according to God's vision.

Genesis 6:22

Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

- The success of the vision is in the willingness to follow God's instructions exactly.
 - God is only responsible for manifesting what He originates.
6. Every pastor must be Prophetic — possessing the ability to hear, discern, see, declare, and receive what God is revealing.

Amos 3:7 – Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants, the prophets.

- A pastor must not only teach God's Word but also perceive His direction, communicate His heart, and lead His people according to His present instruction.
7. Be true to your authentic self and your authentic calling.

2 Timothy 1:9

Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling,

- Don't build your ministry, church, or assignment by copying someone else's.
- Honor the unique vision and assignment God has given you.

Kingdom Leadership Principle:

There is a region, a demographic, and a people you are called to. Embrace your assignment.

8. Model the character your calling requires.

Ephesians 4:1

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called.

- You are the example. (Living, loving, and language)
- Your life, your character sets the standard for the ministry.
- Your motto should be; follow me as I follow Christ.

Kingdom Leadership Principle:

A true pastor leads by both what he says and what he does.

9. Create a sustainable ecosystem that supports healthy growth.

- Systems that support leadership development.
- Jesus developed team ministry.
- Build team, not just events and platforms.

10. Have access to Fivefold ministry mantles.

- Pray and ask God to send them to your ministry.
- A pastor may be called to shepherd, but effective Kingdom leadership requires access to the grace, perspective, and function of the apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, and teacher.
- The Church is strengthened when these ministry gifts work together, not in isolation.

11. Love People

1 Corinthians 16:14

Let all that you do be done with love.

- Pastoring should never be about you, always about others.
- Without people, you have no ministry.
- Without a following, you're only taking a walk.

12. Walk by Faith

- The vision and assignment God has entrusted to you will always be bigger than you.
- It will require complete dependence on God rather than confidence in your own abilities.
- Every God-given vision demands faith, obedience, and perseverance.
- The vision is never just about you—it is generational.
- Your faithfulness today creates a pathway for those who will come after you.

2 Corinthians 5:7

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

13. Your Calling Flows from your Personal Relationship with God.

- Your effectiveness in ministry will never exceed the depth of your relationship with Christ.
- Before you are a pastor, you are first His son.
- Your calling is sustained by intimacy with God, not activity for God.
- Ministry is the overflow of your personal walk with Him.

John 15:4

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.