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The pastor-teacher

This will be series about who a pastor teacher is…what their role and responsibility is today in the CA.

We have been studying Matthew chapter 12 and I have been led to open this study up about the gift of pastor-teacher.

Because what we have seen is the Jewish leadership of the Pharisees, Scribes and Sadducees had led the Jewish population astray concerning the truth and grace that TLJC came to clarify and what we have today is church leadership that lead Bels astray in the same vain.

Turn to Ephesians chapter 4 with me.

/The Pastor-teacher is a term coined for the Church Age leadership that defines the man behind the pulpit and key administrator within a church. The Pastor-teacher is regarded as a final authority and the main source of doctrinal teaching that guides the congregation.\

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This position is ordained by God and though most Pastor-teachers need a document or proof of their title it is ultimately God who promotes a person.

So, college degrees and certificates of ordination from other respected Pastor’s or Theologians hold great value it is not the end all…. be all that makes a pastor-teacher.

God is the ultimate authority and degrees and pieces of paper only carry a man so far behind a pulpit.

/The Pastor is the final authority in the church but a set of deacons or board of directors needs to be in place to keep the congregation and Pastor in check concerning finances and the doctrinal statements that come forth from the pulpit. The voting power of deacons/board is designed to keep order and honesty within the church, not control the Pastor’s message or intimidate congregation members.\

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This needs a brief explanation.

If a pastor is teaching a doctrine that is not from the Bible….in other words this man can’t back it up with a thorough set of scriptures then the voting power of the board or deacons has the right to call the pastor out and have a full congregation vote on his position.

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The same circumstance also holds true if the pastor or any church leader has misused funds from the church finances.

But other than those two extreme cases the Pastor will have the final authority on church decisions.

When a church leader in any realm steps over his or her authority and displays inappropriate behavior… it needs to be addressed and voted on right away.

Having said that let’s look at what the Apostle Paul has taught concerning the basic responsibility of church leadership.

Eph 4:12 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift.

[Eph 4:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/eph/4/8/s_1101008) Therefore it says,
“WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH,
HE LED CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES,
AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN.”

[Eph 4:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/eph/4/9/s_1101009) (Now this *expression,* “He ascended,” what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth?

This actually points to what TLJC did during that 3 days of His death and burial which was a victory march in the deep recesses of hades.

Which is one of several compartments the common man or woman calls hell.

He also took the OT saints from the compartment called paradise and brought them up to the heavens.

A lesson for another day.

[Eph 4:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/eph/4/10/s_1101010) He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.)

/[Eph 4:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/eph/4/11/s_1101011) And He gave some *as* apostles, and some *as* prophets, and some *as* evangelists, and some *as* **pastors** (*poimēn*)and **teachers** (*didaskalos*),\

POY-MAIN DEE-DOS-CO-LOSS

POY-MAIN- shepherd or an overseer.

DEE-DOS-CO-LOSS- It is a human title for a master teacher or one who is ordained to lead others.

Using the two terms together is a specific way to define the man who is ordained by God to teach His word with a diligent accuracy and be a leader of over a flock of Bels. REPEAT Unique to the CA.

A flock may be 5 or 10 it may 10,000 so it is not specific to a certain number of Bels.

/[Eph 4:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/eph/4/12/s_1101012) **for the equipping of the saints** for the **work of service**, to the **building up of the body** of Christ;\

This man…yes ladies…. it is a male role which I will point out in this series.

This leader…this pastor-teacher is to equip God’s people with the weapons for spiritual warfare.

To teach the flock Biblical principles so they can grow up and apply BD to their life which will lead them to working for the ministry in different realms.

The body being built speaks to a pastor who continues to teach in good times and bad…in season and out of season (2Tim 4:2) as Paul taught Timothy. So these Bels continue to be fed and led in the right direction.

[/Eph 4:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/eph/4/13/s_1101013) until **we all attain to the unity** of the faith, and of the **knowledge** of the Son of God, to a **mature man**, to the **measure of the stature** which belongs to the fullness of Christ.\

This unity is described as a oneness…which means we all have the same goals and are of the same mind….what mind?….the mind of Christ…BD!

The knowledge we need is the knowledge of TLJC…you can not love someone until you know them intimately…. meaning their mind.

Physical attraction, physical love is a surface love that has no lasting value.

This means we are growing toward maturity which is what that term- *measure of the stature* means in the original Greek….it is pointing out stability which comes from having maturity.

So far, you are not seeing that the church shepherd needs to be out in the community rubbing elbows with all the local, social justice warriors or the congregation members who are struggle with personal issues.

What happens when a pastor is building up the saints…equipping them for spiritual battle…and pushing them toward SM?

/Eph 4:14 **As a result, we are no longer to be children**, **tossed here and there** by waves and carried about by **every wind of doctrine**, by the **trickery of men**, by **craftiness** in **deceitful scheming**;\

The Apostle Paul is using nautical terms here in the Greek. Being *tossed here and there* by *every wind* - is a nautical term and seeing as how fishing was a huge industry in the ancient world at this time it fits in perfectly for the lesson.

The emphasis is on SM….stop being emotional babies concerning your spiritual walk. God wants us to be strong in HIS word…problem solvers not problem makers in our lives.

*Every wind of doctrine and trickery of men* – is a direct conviction on false teachers and doctrines of demons.

Paul goes on to highlight after false doctrine grow up…. because Satan’s cosmic system is filled with schemes and crafty people who are going to lead you astray with secular knowledge.

[Eph 4:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/eph/4/15/s_1101015) but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ,

Again, we are told grow up which only happens when pastor-teachers work hard to feed the flock that God gave them.

[Eph 4:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/eph/4/16/s_1101016) from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

This talks about the strength of unity when Bels start to operate in their callings after salvation because they grew up by studying the word under prepared men.

/Pastor-teacher is a calling for Church Age men, ordained by God to be leaders who diligently study and teach, then study and teach and finally study and teach some more. That is his calling and priority. Accuracy in the Word is his main concern not personality conflicts or community struggles.\

Turn 1Timothy chapter 5.

The pastor will be held responsible to teach the word accurately with no hidden agendas. A pastor can be double blessed or doubly cursed depending upon his serious nature toward the truth.

The pastor should never try to manipulate the message to get more attention or more financial support or to drive a political agenda to fit their opinion.

Many Bels love the fact that true Bible study and the study of Biblical standards points in a conservative direction.

My personal opinion is that the majority of Biblical principles teach a type of conservative agenda …but I venture a guess that its about 70 - 30….which means about 30 percent of Biblical principles fit a liberal viewpoint.

Many Bels don’t like to hear this…they want it one way or another.

But the fact is after a Bel grows up they should be very generous toward those in need…they should put others ahead of themselves and this fits a liberal narrative.

Not to the extent that most progressive liberals push…because government should not be involved… it needs to be a personal choice of reaching out to others after we have our own house in order.

You need to balance this out…but I think you folks get my drift.

Look at 1Timothy chapter 5 verse 17;

Paul is teaching Timothy how to be a pastor-teacher.

A pastor is held up to a higher standard.

/1Tim 5:17 **The elders** (*presbyteros*) **who rule** well are to be considered worthy of **double honor**, **especially those** who work hard at preaching and teaching.\

PRESS-BOO-TOE-ROSS – speaks to an officer in the church…a leader and at times it was used in ancient times for the pastor-teacher especially once the Apostle trained a man to teach. Often times it was a Greek name for an elderly man or woman who you had respect for.

[1Ti 5:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1ti/5/18/s_1124018) For the Scripture says, “YOU SHALL NOT MUZZLE THE OX WHILE HE IS THRESHING,” and “The laborer is worthy of his wages.”

This speaks to making sure you have people in your congregation who recognize the pastor makes his living from teaching.

These are all principles that every pastor should be aware of.

[1Ti 5:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1ti/5/19/s_1124019) Do not receive an accusation against an elder except on the basis of two or three witnesses.

The Biblical standard of convicting someone was on the basis of at least two solid witnesses…not here say or one person who saw something.

In fact, the two or three witnesses had to be men or women with integrity.

Then the Apostle Paul goes on to teach how to handle congregation members who are sinning overtly and effecting the congregation.

/1Ti 5:20 Those who continue in sin, **rebuke in the presence of all**, so that the rest also will be fearful *of sinning.* 21I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of His chosen angels, to maintain these principles without bias, **doing nothing in a spirit of partiality**.\

Rebuke in the presence of all speaks to that set of deacons or board of directors. Sometimes the worse thing a pastor or deacon can do is get alone with someone…especially a woman…men…and start to point out their recent failures inside the church.

Just a rule of thumb for leaders in any realm always have a witness and men never get alone with a woman and try to reprimand her…in fact if she is not your wife I warn you NOT to spend too much alone time with another woman…ladies it’s good advice for you as well.

In 1Tim 5:18 Paul points out the need for a pastor-teacher to be able to earn a living from his calling. No pastor should be concerned about constantly selling everything they write about or using the majority of their messages to enrich themselves.

But as far as the pastor earning his wage it is clearly covered in scriptures;

/Gal 6:6 One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches.

1Cor 9:14 In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.

Rom 4:4, Luk 10:7, Mat 10:10\

Jump over to the book of Titus chapter one we will be noting some other principles from the book of Timothy next lesson.

As I have taught you before Timothy and Titus were polar opposite in personalities so this covers the principle that a pastor can be tough and strong willed or just the opposite very gentle and passive in nature.

Titus was chosen by Paul to go into Crete because the men there were tough and combative both physically and mentally as I have mentioned before in recent teachings;

Tit 1:5 To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

Paul now starts on the qualifications of elders…which was really setting up pastor-teachers and deacons to begin to set up churches.

[/Tit 1:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/tit/1/5/s_1130005) For this reason **I left you in Crete**, that **you would set in order what remains and appoint elders** in every city as I directed you,\

This is a clear order that Titus would be the main man to interview and choose men to be leaders.

Titus would have to make sure they were taught the doctrine needed and then remind them that they had to continue to study and teach it properly….actually a very big task for one man on an island that is known for tough guys.

[/Tit 1:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/tit/1/6/s_1130006) *namely,* if any man is **above reproach**, the husband of **one wife**, having children who believe, not accused of **dissipation or rebellion**.\

A man above reproach means we have two or three witnesses…possibly more but at least 2 or 3 witness with good character that give this man a thumbs up.

Not witnesses who engage in gossip or have a history of lying or being trouble-makers.

Having one wife and his family in order shows us a man who has his life together, contrary to popular teaching it doesn’t mean every church leader needs to be married. It simple means that now that this man is a Born again Bel he is not chasing women around or involved in a divorce or complicated relationships with women.

This does not mean that a pastor or deacon or any church leader has to have a perfect life.

 Unfortunately, people get divorced but there are Biblical standards about divorce. This man had better fall under that tight little umbrella if he is to be chosen for this position.

I have that message on divorce right on this page.

[/Tit 1:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/tit/1/7/s_1130007) For the overseer must be above reproach as God’s steward, not **self-willed**, not **quick-tempered**, not **addicted to wine**, not **pugnacious**, not fond of **sordid gain**,\ REPEAT

Go over the slide….self explanatory.

[Tit 1:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/tit/1/8/s_1130008) but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled,

[/Tit 1:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/tit/1/9/s_1130009) holding fast the **faithful word** which is in **accordance with the teaching**, so that he will be able both to exhort in **sound doctrine** and to **refute** those who contradict.\

Notice what is important…the word! Stick to the teaching of the word the sound doctrine of the word. And disapprove of….and stand against those who oppose the correct teaching of that word.

[Tit 1:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/tit/1/10/s_1130010) For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision,

These of the circumcision speak to BELS!

[/Tit 1:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/tit/1/11/s_1130011) who **must be silenced** because they are upsetting whole families, **teaching things they should not *teach*** for the sake of sordid gain.\

They must be silenced….in other words your pastor-teacher… if he is teaching accurately should occasionally call out false teachers and those who perpetuate false doctrine. He doesn’t need to be vindictive or use the names but he should be strong in standing against the lies of the cosmic teachers.

[Tit 1:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/tit/1/12/s_1130012) One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, “Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.”

Paul quotes a popular poet and prophet of that area named EPAP-MEN-DEE-US. And then Paul agrees with the statement because that general area was known for stubborn and combative people.

[Tit 1:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/tit/1/13/s_1130013) This testimony is true. For this reason reprove them severely so that they may be sound in the faith,

WAKE THEM UP TITUS!!!

[Tit 1:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/tit/1/14/s_1130014) not paying attention to Jewish myths and commandments of men who turn away from the truth.

[Tit 1:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/tit/1/15/s_1130015) To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled.

Then notice what this type of stubborn arrogance can breed;

[Tit 1:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/tit/1/16/s_1130016) They profess to know God, but by *their* deeds they deny *Him,* being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed.

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Jam 5:12 But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but your yes is to be yes, and your no, no, so that you may not fall under judgment.

[Jas 5:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jas/5/13/s_1151013) Is anyone among you suffering? *Then* he must pray. Is anyone cheerful? He is to sing praises.

[Jas 5:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jas/5/14/s_1151014) Is anyone among you sick? *Then* he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord;

[Jas 5:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jas/5/15/s_1151015) and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.

Jas 5:16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

[Jas 5:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jas/5/17/s_1151017) Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months.

[Jas 5:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jas/5/18/s_1151018) Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.

[Jas 5:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jas/5/19/s_1151019) My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back,

[Jas 5:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/jas/5/20/s_1151020) let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

1Pet 5:1 Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as *your* fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed,

[1Pe 5:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1pe/5/2/s_1156002) shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to *the will of* God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness;

[1Pe 5:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1pe/5/3/s_1156003) nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.

[1Pe 5:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1pe/5/4/s_1156004) And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

[1Pe 5:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1pe/5/5/s_1156005) You younger men, likewise, be subject to *your* elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.

[1Pe 5:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/1pe/5/6/s_1156006) Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,

1Tim 2:9 women teachers

1Tim 4:6-16