

What A Pastor Wants

How To Give Encouragement to Our Church Leaders

■ 1 Peter 5:1-4

¹To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ²Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; ³not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

■ **The Local Church Body is the Flock**

■ --The Pastor must be a _____ to the flock. (vs 2)

■ --The Pastor is commanded to shepherd the flock God has given him in a knowledgeable and _____ manner. (vs 2)

■ --The Pastor must shepherd the flock in his care in an ethical and _____ manner that is a good example to the flock. (vs 3)

■ **2 Corinthians 5:10** "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil."

■ **Acts 20:27** for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.

■ **Acts 17:11** Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

■ **1 Peter 2:25** "For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls."

■ **Psalm 95:7** "for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care." (The sheep in His hand.)

■ **Psalm 100:3** "Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

■ **How God Sees His Sheep**

■ **Sheep are also highly valued, they are very much worth all of the care and attention they require. God _____ and _____ His sheep.**

■ **Hebrews 10:24-25-** And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

■ **Ephesians 4:11-13** So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ

Next Steps for Growth:

I want to talk to a Pastor.

I would be interested in hosting or leading a Life Group for winter semester

I want to begin to follow Jesus today.

I want to be baptized.

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Change my contact info

Mailing Address: _____

I am a: 1st time guest 2nd time guest Regular Attendee Member (taken membership class & committed to membership coven

- *-Christ wants us to have local spiritual leaders and He has raised them up and given them to us (vs11)*
- *HOWEVER, Our church leaders are not supposed to be the primary laborers in the church. (vs 12)*

- **Our staff are not to be the hired help to do the work of the church for the people and to take care of the works that God wants His body to be doing. (vs 12)**
- **-The pastors are also _____ to meet our spiritual needs, that would be impossible, only God can truly do that, yet a pastor can guide you. (vs 12,13)**
- **A pastor or teacher should help you better _____ God's Word. (vs 13)**
- **-A leader should help you learn to _____ God's Word (vs 12,13)**
- **A pastor should help you learn to _____ spiritual gifts and tools in ministry. (vs 12)**
- **-A spiritual leader can certainly help you _____ in wisdom, knowledge, maturity, and the skills of living a victorious and obedient life that honors God. (vs 13)**

- *|| Timothy 2:2 And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.*
- *|| Timothy 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth*
- *|| Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

- **1- Our pastor and qualified church leaders, _____ us the Word of God.**
- **2- Our pastor and qualified church leaders _____ to live according to the Holy Scriptures.**
- **3- Our pastor and qualified church leaders _____ to live a fruitful obedient Christian life according to the Bible.**
- **4-Our pastor and qualified church leaders _____ and thus qualify us also to be able to teach spiritual truth to others and continue passing it down to the present and future generations.**
- **5-Our pastors and church leaders _____ to do our best in all of these areas as well.**
- **6- It is their jobs to help us be faithful and _____ at it.**

- **3 Practical Ways to Encourage Our Spiritual Leaders**
- **1- Galatians 6:6- Faithfully _____ God's blessings.**
- **2- Hebrews 13:7- Follow the _____ of your leaders.**
- **3- Ephesians 6:18-20- _____ for your spiritual leaders.**

Prayer Requests/Praise Items: __ Put this on the prayer chain.

Request for Assistance __