

TO BE A SHEPHERD

- To be a pastor of a church is one of the most wonderful things that the Lord can trust a person with.
- To be a pastor is to be a Shepherd.
- A Shepherd is also a leader of other people. It can be a church; a group or ministry.
- No one can do that properly without God's love and compassion.
- He needs to fill one up with His desires and passion for the flock.
- Moses was called to lead the flock, even though it was not always easy, he bore with them, even to the point by standing in the gap, when God wanted to kill them.
- A Pastor must be there for his people not just in the times that everything is O.K.
- Inherent in God's call is something fierce and unmanageable.
- He summons, but he will not be summoned.
- He does the calling; we do the answering.
- Jesus told His disciples, "YOU did not choose me, but I chose you" (JOHN. 15:16).
- If God has called you to lead, let nothing stand in the way of the privilege you have to serve Him and to serve His people through applying the gift, the resources and the opportunity He has provided to you.
- A Shepherd is called to servanthood, but a unique brand of servanthood.
- One who serves by leading.
- It is to lead with and through Christlike character and demonstrates the functional competencies that permit effective leadership to take place.
- To be able to enable people to know, love and serve God with their entire hearts, minds, souls and strength.
- Must possess the kind of personal attributes; characteristics of the heart, manifested through speech and behavior; that reflect the nature of our God.
- There is always a sense of compulsion, at times even a sense of violence, about God's call.
- Once a person becomes ordained, other professional elements enter the picture.
- The better the administrative office in a church, organization or ministry works, the better the pastor can concentrate on the spiritual things.
- There are still physical things in households and churches that must be done.
- Even things like the dustbin.
- Taking out the trash is not the most important part of life, but things get messy if it's not done.
- If we take out the trash and do the dishes, home life won't necessarily become great.
- But if we don't do these things, the house will surely start to stink.
- In ministry, things like education and salaries, and study leave, can never guarantee a fruitful ministry.

- If pastors don't take care of these chores, however, things start to stink.
- The best thing that education and professional standards can do is prevent disaster.
- These aspects of the call aren't unspiritual, but neither are they the essence of the call.
- They are simply some of the unavoidable things pastors do because of the call.
- Still, for all that, the far more common danger among pastors is to let such matters dominate their ministry, to think of ministry primarily as a career.
- If we view our calling only as a career, we reduce the servant of Christ to a vapid creature called "the professional".
- Well-dressed and well-spoken, armed with degrees, leadership savvy, management manual, and marketing studies, all to be used for the good of the Kingdom, of course, we intend to make a mark on the world, gain a little respect for the profession, all is good, but without love, worthily nothing.
- Two basic influences mark our ways as spiritual leaders"
 1. Nature,
 2. And grace.
- The influence of nature is seen in our intellect, temperament, and gifts.
- The influence of grace is seen in the touch of God harnessing and enhancing these natural factors so that we are ready for focused service.
- It is difficult to find the job description of the modern pastor in the Bible.
- The wish list of what people want in a pastor is expanding.
- Clearly, the spectrum of expectations for pastors can be overwhelming, ranging from messiah figure to manager, from Bible teacher to therapist, from evangelist to program director.
- Given the confusing and inflated job description, it is not surprising that the scope and nature of the pastor's responsibilities are difficult to define, let alone practice.
- But Ministry originates with a divine call, not a human contract.
- It is not a science, it is an art. Art by its very nature virtually defies definition.
- A good pastor will be able to launching the flock into ministry.
- You are not choose and put in position by God to control and dominate people or try to form and mold them the way you think.
- Always remember that you work with people that are created by God with purpose and destiny.
- You are there to bring out the callings in peoples life. To help them discover what God wants for their life's.
- There are so much people sitting in the churches today worldwide that never step into their calling and ministries, because of leadership that dominates and don't understand, and want to put them in places and positions they don't fit in.
- "Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers over hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens" (EXODUS. 18:21).
- A good pastor must be able to recognize calling.
- A leader has a consistent example threw out the Bible threw the lifestyles of God's warriors of the past.

- A pastor as leader must have resistance quality.
- A pastor as leader must be a servant.
- A leader has great self-esteem.
- A leader has a positive attitude.
- A leader has perceptivity
- A leader has taught ability.
- A leader must be hungry and thirsty for the things of God.
- A pastor that led the flock must have faith.
- Must be able to master development.
- Must be self-motivated
- Must serve the whole man. Must remember the “sheep” is spirit, body and soul.
- Must be able to develop relationships.
- To dissolve emotional blocks.
- Must have that unconditional love for Gods people and Gods work.
- Must show confidence. God can finish what he started.
- Must know where he came from, where he is known, and where he is going.
- If people look as example to the shepherd, and the shepherd is running around without knowing whereto, they will never come into there calling.
- **REMEMBER WITHOUT JESUS, WE CAN DO NOTHING!**
- Our first calling is to be with Christ, to build a love relationship with Him and to have a passion for Him (MARK 3:14).
- We simply must have more of Jesus and hunger after His presence.
- Those who desire to find God ‘find time. God does not want what we have, He wants who we are, and he wants us to freely choose Him.
- The God of the Universe desires to win our hearts.
- When our hearts have truly entered God’s rest, we live in union with Jesus the same way He lived in union with the Father.
- God is not seeking to perfect us, but rather to perfect our relationship with Jesus. For Jesus is our example in all things.
- We need to invest time to be alone with Jesus and to develop that deep and intimate fellowship with Him.
- The closer we get to Him the better we will know Him, and we will know His heart and His heart is compassion for others.
- It is out of our relationship with Christ that we build our relationship with others.’
- Only Jesus by His spirit can teach us how to relate well with each other.
- We are to draw our energy from God and then give that energy to each other, thus blessing one another with our own uniqueness.
- We are experiencing a fresh start in our diocese. Let us extend a loving and forgiving Spirit to one and all.” Forgetting the past ...I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ (Phil: 3:13-14). May our love, our care and Ministry towards one another flows out of our own intimate relationship with Christ for whatever is born of God overcomes the world (1 John 5: 4)
- The pastor must have vision.
- The poorest person in the world is a person without a vision and a dream.

- The most frustrated person in the world is someone who has a dream, but doesn't know how to make it come to pass.
- Every person was created by God to be unique and distinct.
- God has placed in every human being a unique vision and call that is designed to give purpose and meaning to life.
- No person can give you your vision. It is God-given.
- But a shepherd must be able to help people discover the vision; and to develop the hunger and thirst to life it out.
- Every human being was created to accomplish something that no one else can accomplish.
- Every person was created to be known for something special.
- One person with vision is greater than the passive force of ninety-nine people who are merely interested in doing or becoming something.
- Your gift will make a way for you in the world and enable you to fulfill your vision.
- Shepherds are responsible for stirring up the gift within yourself and in others.
- God loves dreamers. He gives visions, and He is attracted to people who love to dream big.
- As long as a person can hold to his vision, then there is always a chance for him to move out of his present circumstances and toward the fulfillment of his purpose.
- **I bless all the shepherds and leaders out there with insight wisdom and understanding, and the desire to be a reflection of Jesus in everything they do!**