

PG: "A Pastor is not a title, it is a function" ... You are a shepherd... A shepherd leads a flock.

So where are you leading your congregation? How will you get there?

PG taught me "The role of a Pastor is to Preach, Teach, Prepare" ... I want to look at each of these with you.

Exodus 4:12 (ESV) Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak."

I PREACH:

A- The first role of a Pastor is PREACHING-

1. To preach carries the idea of a Herald... one who declares the kings message.

a. **V12** Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak

i. Moses went with a declaration, a Proclamation, a herald with the kings message: LET MY PEOPLE GO, and the power of God was demonstrated.

2. Same is true for us: We declare the Gospel.

a. PWM said: We Declare and Demonstrate the power of God...

i. Not explaining, or trying to make intellectual understanding, or Sharing casually... We PREACH.

b. **2 Tim 4:2** Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching... Preach here means: Declare, Proclaim, Herald the word.

3. PG taught us Preaching levels for Altar calls-

a. Conversational level, Illustration level, Declaration level.

4. Preaching is supernatural: **Rom 10:17** So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

i. Preaching needs to come from the word... PG has said, and its true of my ministry experience that Sermons come from my bible reading... by the word of God.

II TEACH:

A- The second role of a pastor is to TEACH;

1. We need to teach the truth of Sound Doctrine.

a. **V12** I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak...

i. This started with Let my people go... but would eventually teach the Levitical Law... and the practice of true worship!

2. Our doctrinal teaching comes from the Bible...

a. **2 Tim 3:16** All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness...

i. From the Bible we bring doctrinal teaching

ii. **Rom 15:4** For everything that was written in the past was written for our instruction...

3. So; What does this look like?

a. Bible Studies, Sunday schools, New Converts Class, Questions, Counseling, Discipline...

b. We teach Sound Doctrine of the word of God, not adding to or taking away.

III PREPARE:

A- As a shepherd you prepare the people for where you are going as a church-

1. As Moses goes into Egypt, he prepares them for *Exodus*, in the desert he prepares them for the promised land-

a. There is always the next chapter-

2. So, what does this mean for us?

a. First; you have to know where your are heading... This is VISION-

i. What is the next big step? Vows of Exampleship? Sunday school? Concert Ministry? Church Plant? Building Project?

b. Second: You have to consider Is the church ready for this? **Prov 27:23** Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds;

i. Are they ready? Is it the right time? Will this hurt in some way?

ii. You need Wisdom; *What to do, When to do, How to do*-

c. Lastly: How do we get there? How do we bridge from where we are to where we want to be-

i. You have to talk about it... Through discipleship, through preaching, through teaching

ii. I had a Pastor ask me one time: *How do you get your guys to...* I talk to them about it! I prepare them for it... I let them know my expectations...

B- So; All this requires you to THINK-

1. Think about where the church is, Where do we want to go, and How will we get there?

2. The shepherd guides the flock through these 3 avenues.