

DOCTRINE

THE CHURCH, PART FOUR

LESSON #15

EVANGELISTS, PASTORS, TEACHERS

I. EVANGELISTS – EPH. 4:11

"A messenger of glad tidings, a proclaimer of the Gospel story, of the facts of redemption distinct from prophets who deal more with the revelation of God to man, and from teachers who tell about or explain the revelation of God." So an evangelist seems to be one who is primarily concerned with telling the Gospel story, such as the Billy Grahams of our day. See II Tim. 4:5 where Paul says to do the work of an evangelist. As a Pastor, Timothy was expected to involve himself in many facets of the work of the Lord, which involved evangelism. I believe every Christian today needs to be somewhat involved in telling the Gospel story. There was one man in the New Testament called an evangelist. Philip is first seen in Acts 6:5, where he is chosen to do some of the physical work of the Apostles. He is next seen in Acts 8:5-6 doing the work of an evangelist. Many years later he is seen in Acts 21:8. He evidently had been faithful all these years because Paul stayed with him in his house, and he also had four daughters that prophesied. Philip had taught them well.

II. PASTORS – EPH. 4:11

"A shepherd, one who tends, or herds or flocks. Not merely one who feeds, but one who tends, guides, nourishes, cherishes, and rules." Though Peter was an Apostle, he was told to do the work of a shepherd. See John 21:15-17. In these three verses, Jesus told Peter three times to feed His sheep, but in vs. 15 and 17, the meaning of the word feed is to provide food. In vs. 16, it means to feed, but also to tend, lead, guard, and give rest to the flock. Peter learned his lesson. See I Peter 5:2. Here Peter was advising the elders to tend the flock, take the oversight. This word means to observe, to examine, visit, to look after, to review, muster or inspect, as in a military sense. Acts 20:27-31. Paul here is expressing the responsibilities of pastors:

- (1) Must take heed to themselves.
- (2) Must guard the sheep from men without and men from within.
- (3) Must teach the whole counsel of God.

Heb. 13:7, 17. In these verses, the word rule means to lead the way, to go first, be a leader. Their faith should be that kind of faith to follow, and we learn to submit to them. This means to cease fightings, to give way under, to yield to. Jer. 23:1-2. There is distinct judgment waiting for those Pastors who do not properly discharge their duties. In summary, a Pastor does some of the things that all the others do. The Pastor's office is a general office involving a broad spectrum of ministries, whereas the other offices are specialized in nature.

III. TEACHERS – EPH. 4:11

"An instructor, master, to train." The teacher is a vital part of any local church. Teaching is the way information and experience is transmitted from one to another. Thus the young Christians are brought into a knowledge of the Lord and made strong. The Teacher, just like all the other ministries, must be qualified to teach. Heb. 5:12 –

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"For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat." Rom. 12:7 – "Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching." This means they must spend quality time before the Lord in prayer and study. The words teaching and doctrine are from the same words, indicating that all true teaching is to be the doctrine of the Lord. There are also false teachers, which we are not to listen to or give heed to.

1. Give the meaning of the word Evangelist.
2. What seems to be their ministry as distinct from the other ministries?
3. What in their ministry is similar to that of the other ministries?
4. If you were told to do the work of an Evangelist, what would you do?
5. From the three references in Acts about Philip, express his qualifications for the ministry and results.
6. What is the meaning of the word Pastor?
7. Name some of the things he is required to do.
8. What did it take in Peter's life for him to learn the lessons of feeding the sheep.
9. What is the meaning of the word Oversight?
10. What is the meaning of the word Rule?
11. What are some of the judgments that will come to Pastors who do not properly discharge their duties?
12. Give the meaning of the word Teacher.
13. What does he do in his teaching?
14. What qualifies him to teach?