

Know and Do—Going Deeper, week 5: “The Pastor’s Life and Duty” (know portion)

I. Pastors must live _____.

- A. “. . . they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. . .”—Hebrews 13:17
- B. “But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.”—1 Corinthians 9:27

II. Four ways the pastor is to live differently

1. In his _____ to the Lord

- a. Pursuit of _____
 - “Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching”—1 Timothy 4:16
- b. _____ life
 - “But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”—Acts 6:4
- c. _____ to others
 - “being examples to the flock”—1 Peter 5:3

2. In his care for the _____

- a. _____ and _____
 - “I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.”—**2 Timothy 4:1–2**
- b. _____
 - “shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly”—**1 Peter 5:2**

c. _____

- “Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.”—**Hebrews 13:17**

d. _____ and _____

- “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”—**Matthew 28:19–20**

e. _____

- “And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ”—**Ephesians 4:11–12**

3. In his _____

a. With _____

- “For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.”—**Galatians 1:10**

b. With _____

- “Do not admit a charge against an elder except on the evidence of two or three witnesses. As for those who persist in sin, rebuke them in the presence of all, so that the rest may stand in fear.”—**1 Timothy 5:19–20**

c. With the _____

- “But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.”—**1 Thessalonians 2:7–8**

4. In his _____

- a. “they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account.”—**Hebrews 13:17**
- b. “And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.”—**1 Peter 5:4**
- c. “Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.”—**1 Corinthians 11:1**

Know and Do—Going Deeper, week 5: “The Pastor’s Life and Duty” (do portion)

1. Why is important for the average church member to at least partially understand the duty of his/her pastors?
2. In what ways are pastors not very different than the average church member?
3. Why is necessary for pastors to lead a different kind of life?
4. Every Christian is called to be completely devoted to Christ as Lord. In what ways might a pastor’s devotion look different than other Christians?
5. The pastor is called to care for the congregation in a variety of ways. Which of these ways is of primary importance and why?
6. If preaching/teaching is the pastor’s primary responsibility, how do his other duties (shepherding, leadership, evangelism/missions, equipping) coincide with this primary duty?
7. In what ways should a pastor’s relationships look the same as other Christians? In what ways might they look different?
8. The pastor is held accountable on two fronts. What are they?
9. What does it look like for a congregation to hold their pastors accountable in a spirit of love and respect?
10. What can you do to encourage your pastors/elders this week?