

1. Pastor's commission:

John 21:15 - 17 (NASB) ¹⁵So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said* to Simon Peter, "Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me more than these?" He said* to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said* to him, "Tend My lambs."
(KJV: *feed my lambs*)

¹⁶He said* to him again a second time, "Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me?" He said* to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said* to him, "Shepherd My sheep." (KJV: *feed my sheep*)

¹⁷He said* to him the third time, "Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said* to him, "Tend My sheep. (KJV: *feed my sheep*)

Col 1:28 - 29 (NASB) ²⁸We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ.
²⁹For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.

2. Pastor's custodial duties:

Heb 13:17 (ESV) ¹⁷Obey 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.

2 Tim 2:15 (KJV) ¹⁵Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Tim 2:15 (NLT) ¹⁵Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.

3. Pastor's commitment:

Acts 20:26 - 27 (NLT) ²⁶I declare today that I have been faithful. If anyone suffers eternal death, it's not my fault,

²⁷for I didn't shrink from declaring all that God wants you to know.

1 Tim 3:1 (KJV) ¹This *is* a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

1 Tim 3:1 (NASB) ¹It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires *to do*.

4. Pastor's consequences:

James 3:1 (ESV) ¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

Luke 12:47 (ESV) ⁴⁷And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating.

5. Pastor's congregation:

1 Pet 2:2 - 3 (NLT) ²Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, ³now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness.

Acts 17:11 (ESV) ¹¹Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. *(NLT: They searched the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and Silas were teaching the truth)*

Monday Morning Moment

“Good teachers instruct, great teachers inspire”

Luke 24:32 (NLT)

³²They said to each other, “Didn’t our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?”

Neh 8:1 - 12 (NLT)

¹all the people assembled with a unified purpose at the square just inside the Water Gate. They asked Ezra the scribe to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had given for Israel to obey.

³He ...read aloud to everyone who could understand. All the people listened closely to the Book of the Law.

⁵Ezra stood on the platform in full view of all the people. When they saw him open the book, they all rose to their feet.

⁷The Levites—then instructed the people in the Law while everyone remained in their places.

⁸They read from the Book of the Law of God and clearly explained the meaning of what was being read, helping the people understand each passage.

⁹Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who were interpreting for the people said to them, ...the joy of the LORD is your strength!”

¹²So the people went away.... celebrate with great joy because they had heard God’s words and understood them.

Ezra 7:8 - 10 (NLT)

⁴for the gracious hand of his God was on him.

¹⁰This was because Ezra had determined to study and obey the Law of the LORD and to teach those decrees and regulations to the people of Israel.