

## **The Biblical Pastor (Overseer or Elder)**

The God commissioned Shepherd – Pastor Jim Walter

1. He is a Peter who loves His Master and has heard his Master say to him: If you love me, “Tend My sheep.” John 21:15-17
2. He is an Ephesian Elder the Holy Spirit has made an overseer and commissioned to “Tend God’s Flock which He has purchased with His own blood.” Acts 20:28
3. He is, as were Apollos and Paul, a co-laborer with God in building His Temple (The Church). I Corinthians 3:9-17
4. He is a gift the Resurrected, Ascended Christ gave to His Church to mature and edify, so each member can minister with every other member in oneness, unity, and love. Ephesians 4:9-16
5. He is Timothy who has a great love for “the things which are Jesus Christ’s” commissioned to “Preach the Word at all times, reproving, rebuking, encouraging with all longsuffering and teaching.” Philippians 2:19-21 and II Timothy 4:1-2
6. He is humble, submissive Peter, an elder admonishing Elders to tend God’s Flock, not by force or self-will, but by being an example to the flock. I Peter 5:1-7

## **A Pastor in America in the Twenty First Century**

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In this day, and in this immoral culture in which we live there are three more things a pastor must become:

1. A fireman – With the increase of the speed of communication, it’s almost a full time job putting out all those fires started by the tongue. James 3
2. A foot washer – The saint’s feet can get awfully dirty walking in the ungodly and immoral culture we live in today. John 13
3. One who understands the art of snaring and trapping – Just like the mine fields in Vietnam, and the road side bombs in Iraq and Afghanistan, our enemy has snares (wiles) set everywhere. To keep the saints clear of these is another full time job, and to get a saint out of one of them only God through His Word can do.  
II Timothy 2:22-26 and Ephesians 6