

BITH410 A SURVEY OF PASTORAL MINISTRY

INTRODUCTION

Through the study of this course, Students will discover the Biblical mandates and principles governing the task of the church in edifying and equipping the saints for service, home and hospital visitation, worship church ceremonies and so much more.

Upon course completion, the student should be able to:

- Fully explore and affirm their call of God to the ministry
- Understand the necessity of maintaining a balance between the pastor's personal and professional life
- Effectively handle the various pastoral functions of ministry and lead a local church

The ministry of a pastor or shepherd is one that is defined by the Bible itself. If you are going to take on a job, you want to see a job description for that job so that you can ensure that you are indeed fulfilling it according to the expectations of your employer. However, Those who pastor God's flock work for God Himself and He is the one to whom they answer. He is the one who determines the job description.

The Bible outlines nine areas of function for a true shepherd. These nine functions of pastoral ministry listed below will serve as the foundation for the rest of our study in this course.

1. Feeding the Sheep (Ezekiel 34:2, 13-15)
2. Leading by Example (I Pet. 5:2-3).
3. Watching Over the Flock (Acts 20:28, 31; II Tim. 4:5).
4. Reaching Out and Delivering the Needy (Ps. 23:1).
5. Maturing the Flock
6. Training and Raising up Leaders (II Tim. 2:2).
7. Protecting the Sheep (Ezek. 33:6).
8. Keeping Pure (Acts 20:28).
9. Accounting to the Great Shepherd (Heb. 13:17).

Are you interested in studying this topic in more depth? Learn more by purchasing the entire course that covers the following topics:

The Biblical Basis for Pastoral Ministry

Lesson 1 & 2 - Pastoral Responsibility

Lesson 3 - The Call to the Pastoral Ministry

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The Individual that God Uses in Pastoral Ministry

- Lesson 4 - The Heart of the Pastor
- Lesson 5 - The Example of the Pastor
- Lesson 6 - Balanced Pastoral Ministry

The Personal Disciplines of Pastoral Ministry

- Lesson 7 - The Pastor's Schedule
- Lesson 8 - The Pastor's Study
- Lesson 9 - The Pastor's Apparel, Poise and Mannerisms
- Lesson 10 - Ethical Conduct for Pastors
- Lesson 11 & 12 - Ministerial Confidentiality

The Public Functions of Pastoral Ministry

- Lesson 13 - Administering Water Baptism
- Lesson 14 - Administering Communion
- Lesson 15 - Dedication of Infants
- Lesson 16 - Pre-Marital Counseling
- Lesson 17 - Performing Weddings
- Lesson 18 - Handling Funerals
- Lesson 19 - Hospital Visitation

Other Functions of Pastoral Ministry

- Lesson 20 - Church Discipline
- Lesson 21 - Training a Pastoral Team
- Lesson 22 - Pastoring through Small Groups
- Lesson 23 - Working with an Eldership
- Lesson 24 - The Pastor's Family