



“The pastor by definition is a shepherd, the under-shepherd of the flock of God. His primary task is to feed the flock by leading them to green pastures. He also has to care for them when they are sick or hurt, and seek them when they go astray. The importance of the pastor depends on the value of the sheep.”

William Still

The Work of the Pastor

“Many who are called pastors, having lost the end in view, or never having seen it, become pedlars of various sorts of wares, gulling the people and leading them into their own power. And when they fail to gather a clientele for their own brand of merchandise they uptail and away, for they are not really interested in the flock of God; they were using them only as a means of their own aggrandizement, to boost their ego and indulge their desire for power.”

William Still

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“It appears that some within the Ephesian church had decided that ‘a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith’ were no longer worthy goals and turned themselves aside after other ideals...and in so doing they turned aside from God’s truth, and into ‘fruitless discussion.’ They ended up with words aplenty, but entirely missed the goal of the Gospel. They could rattle on with endless esoteric and pious sounding words, but in the final analysis their ramblings produced nothing of any substance or worth.”

John Kitchen

The Pastoral Epistles for Pastors

Acts 20:24

But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

Acts 20:28-31

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears.



Mark 7:20-23

And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."