

Leadership Class: Lesson #7 How to Relate to your Pastor

#1 Receive him as a gift (Read Ephesians 4:8-12)

Pastor defined:

1. Shepherd
2. He to whose care and control others have committed themselves, and whose precepts they follow
3. The presiding officer, manager, director, of any assembly:
4. The tasks of a Near Eastern shepherd were:
 - To watch for enemies trying to attack the sheep
 - To defend the sheep from attackers
 - To heal the wounded and sick sheep
 - To find and save lost or trapped sheep
 - To love them, sharing their lives and so earning their trust

1. When Jesus ascended on high and led captivity captive what did He give to men? (Ephesians 4:8)

2. Why did Jesus ascend far above the heavens? (Ephesians 4:10)

3. What are those gifts? (Ephesians 4:11)

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

4. What is the purpose of those gifts? (Ephesians 4:12)

- a. _____
- b. _____

#2 Know your Pastor and His wife (I Thessalonians 5:12)

Know defined: perceive with the eyes, observe, to pay attention, to inspect, examine, to look at, behold, have an interview with, get knowledge of, understand, perceive, and pay attention to

5. What are some practical ways you can know your leaders?

#3 Esteem him highly in love (I Thessalonians 5:13)

Esteem defined:

1. Favorable opinion
2. Have great regard for
3. Respect
4. Value highly
5. To honor

6. Why do we esteem the minister? (I Thessalonians 5:13)

7. Why do some people not have peace in the local church? (I Thessalonians 5:13)

#4 Pray for him (2 Thessalonians 3:1; I Timothy 2:1-3)

8. Why should we pray for our leaders? (2 Thessalonians 3:1; I Timothy 2:1-3)

#5 Communicate to him (Galatians 6:6)

9. What is the responsibility of one who is taught the word? (Galatians 6:6)

10. How can one practically communicate?

Definition: Communicate/Share

- 1) To come into communion or fellowship with, to become a sharer, and be made a partner
- 2) To enter into fellowship, join one's self to an associate, make one's self a sharer or partner

#6 Follow him (Hebrews 6:12; I Corinthians 11:1; Philippians 4:9; 2 Timothy 3:10-11)

11. How should we respond to ministers who inherit the promises through faith and patience? (Hebrews 6:12)

12. To what degree should we follow and imitate a leader? (1 Corinthians 11:1)

13. What are four methods of operating in the things which should be done? (Philippians 4:9)

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

14. What is God's promise for my obedience? (Philippians 4:9b)

15. What nine things can we follow (2 Timothy 3:10-11)

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____
- f. _____
- g. _____
- h. _____
- i. _____

#7 Obey his teachings (Acts 2:42; 17:10-12; 20:28-32; I Timothy 4:6; 2 Timothy 4:2-4)

- ⇒ Come to church services
- ⇒ Get tapes of missed services
- ⇒ Take advantage of tape library in back

16. What was the first thing listed the early church continued steadfastly in? (Acts 2:42)

17. What did Pastor Timothy himself follow? (I Timothy 4:6)

18. Why were the believers in Thessalonica more noble and fair-minded than those in Berea? (Acts 17:10-12)

- a. _____
- b. _____

19. Why did Paul teach the believers in Ephesus for three years and warn the leadership to shepherd the flock? (Acts 20:28-32)

20. What is the tendency of some in the church to do with good solid teaching? (2 Timothy 4:2-4)
