

Between the Preacher and the Congregation

These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you.

Titus 2:15

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. Acts 2:1

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. John 17:20-21

Jesus prayed for the unity of His Church

May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the

*glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. **John 17:21-23***

The Minister's Identity, Responsibility, and His Authority

1. How does the New Testament define the Minister?

But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

2 Timothy 4:5

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of

*service, so that the body of Christ
may be built up*

Ephesians 4:11-12

*The elders who direct the affairs of
the church well are worthy of
double honor, especially those
whose work is preaching and
teaching. 1 Timothy 5:17*

2. What are the Responsibilities of the Minister?

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*For the Scripture says, "Do not
muzzle the ox while it is treading
out the grain," and "The worker
deserves his wages." 1 Tim. 5:18*

Pastoral Responsibility Survey

Importance by Priority

1. Preaching
2. Pastoring
3. Counseling
4. Teaching
5. Organizing
6. Admin-
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Actual Time Given

1. Admin-
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**The Church's primary task is to
win people to Jesus Christ,
and then help them to grow.**

**The pastor has a primary task to
preach the Word of God.**

**The Minister's Three-fold
responsibility from Titus 2:15**

1. Teach

*These, then, are the things you
should teach.* **Titus 2:15**

I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

2 Timothy 4:1-2

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

2. Encourage

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the

*encouragement of the Scriptures
we might have hope. **Rom. 15:4***

*I rejoiced with those who said to
me, "Let us go to the house of the
Lord." **Psalms 122:1***

*"I have told you these things, so
that in me you may have peace. In
this world you will have trouble.
But take heart! I have overcome
the world." **John 16:33***

3. Rebuke

*Those whom I love I rebuke and
discipline. So be earnest, and
repent. Here I am! I stand at the
door and knock. If anyone hears
my voice and opens the door, I will
come in and eat with him, and he
with me. **Revelation 3:19-20***

**Rebuking is to confront a problem
honestly and motivating
a change.**

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men’s bones and everything unclean.

Matthew 23:27

3. Where does the Minister get his authority?

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Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12

Ministerial Authority is based on 5 Essentials

- 1. The Call of God on their life**
- 2. The Word of God**
- 3. Living a life of integrity**

4. Servant leadership, a life of service to others

*Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. **Matt. 20:25***

*Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— **Matthew 20:26-27***

*just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” **Matthew 20:28***

5. The Support of the Church Leaders

Formula: $R - A = F$

Responsibility minus Authority equals Frustration

*Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. **Hebrews 13:17***

How we can show respect for our leaders

- **Have a cooperative and submissive spirit**
- **Be studious**

*Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. **Acts 17:11***

- **Be perceptive**

- **Have a cooperative and submissive spirit**
- **Be prayerful**

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

James 5:16

- **Be loving**

How we can encourage others at Church

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| ▪ Show your enthusiasm | ▪ Be realistic |
| ▪ Volunteer to help | ▪ Confront personally |
| ▪ Be responsible | ▪ Respect home life |
| ▪ Send a note | ▪ Encourage spouses |

As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning,

*but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. **Exodus 17:11***

*When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. **Exodus 17:12***

*So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword. **Ex. 17:13***