

THE WORK OF THE PASTOR-TEACHER, OR WHY DID GOD CREATE THE
OFFICE OF PASTORS?

EPH. 4:11-16

Introduction:

- A. The four original offices.
 - 1. Apostles = ambassadors.
 - 2. Prophets = God's spokesman.
 - 3. Evangelists = carriers of good news.
 - 4. Pastor-teachers = Shepherd-instructors.

- B. The one remaining office.
 - 1. Pastor-teacher.
 - 2. Deacons, selected by the church.

- C. Why did God give these (this) office to the church?
 - 1. Pastoring to some is playing with the sheep.
 - 2. To others it is cleaning dirty sheep.

I. TO TEACH THE MEMBERSHIP HOW TO SERVE GOD. V12

- A. "for the perfecting of the saints."
 - 1. perfecting = katartismos = the act of making fully ready, the act of perfectly equipping and fully preparing.
 - 2. saints = hagios = a certain relationship to God.

- B. "for the work of the ministry."
 - 1. work = ergon = that which is accomplished by labor.
 - 2. ministry = diakonia = service, attendance.
 - 3. in order to get His people ready to serve as workers
 - 4. "in order fully to equip His Holy people for work of serving."

II. TO BUILD THE BODY OF CHRIST. V12b

- A. "for the edifying of the body of Christ."

1. edifying = oikodome = the act or process of building a house, a building up.
2. body = soma = the body as a whole.

B. The body may be "built up" two ways.

1. Addition of numbers.
2. Exercise of members.

III. TO PROMOTE CHRIST-LIKENESS. U13

A. "till we all come to the unity of the faith."

1. come = katantao = to arrive at a place.
2. unity = enotes = oneness, to attain the same.

B. "and of the knowledge of the son of God."

1. knowledge = epignosis = clear and exact knowledge.
2. son = huios.

C. "unto the perfect man."

1. perfect = teleion = complete.
2. man = andron = man.

D. "unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

1. measure = metron = that by which anything is measured.
2. stature = helikia = maturity of life.
3. fulness = pleroma = the contents, that with which anything is full.

IV. TO ACHIEVE DOCTRINAL STABILITY. U14

A. "that we henceforth be no more children tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine."

1. children = nepios = not speaking, an infant.
2. tossed = kludonizomai = to surge, to be tossed in the billows, driven by waves.

3. carried = periphero = to carry about.
 4. wind = anemos = a stream of air.
 5. doctrine = didaskalia = teaching.
 6. "whirled about by every fresh gust of teaching."
 7. I thank God I am where true Baptists have always been!
- B. "by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive."
1. sleight = kubeia = dice playing, game, gambling, entrapping by deceit.
 2. cunning = methodeia = to follow any one, to track him, a wild animal tracking its prey.
 3. craftiness = panouggia = shrewdness, unscrupulous conduct.
 4. lie in wait = enedreuo = to lie in wait, esp. in war, to lie in ambush against.
 5. deceive = plane = a a wandering, a seduction from the truth.

V. TO AFFECT A BETTER BODY PROPORTION. V15

- A. "but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things."
1. speaking truth = aletheuontes = to tell the truth, to deal truly.
 2. love = agape = love.
 3. grow = auzano = to grow up, to increase.
 4. ta panta = in respect to all things.
 5. "But we shall lovingly hold to the truth, and should grow up in every part to the measure of his growth."
 6. The body should be in proportion to the head.
- B. "which is the head, even Christ."
1. "who is our head."
 2. "even Christ."

VI. TO BRING THE BODY INTO OBEDIENCE TO THE HEAD. V15,16

A. "from which the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth."

1. fitly joined = sunarmologeō = join together parts fitted to each other.
2. compacted = sumbibazō = to unite, knit together.
3. joint = aphe = a ligament, holds bones together.
4. supplieth = epichoregia = a furnishing upon, further supply, super-addition.

[pres. pass. part. sunarmologeō - to join together, to fit together (s. Eph. 2:21). sumbibazomenon pres. pass. part. sumbibazō to bring together, to unite, pass. to be held together. It refers to a body which is held together by sinews, ligaments, joints (BAG). It refers to a correlation as of a functioning organism (Simpson). aphe joint, contact, touching, i.e., "contact w., the supply" (s. Abbott). epichoregia supply. The simple noun originally indicated a payment for the cost of bringing out a chorus at a public festival. Then it signified provisions for an army or expedition. the word w. the prep. in compound was a technical term describing the provision of food, clothing, etc., which a husband is obligated to make for his wife. Here it indicates that the body receives from the head what nourishment, life, and direction it needs (Barth; s. also Robinson).

B. "according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

1. according = kata = down towards, denoting object and intention.
2. effectual working = epegeia = the being at work, power in action, effectual operation.
3. measure = metron = a measure, a measure of content, whether solid or liquid.
4. maketh = poieō = to make, to form, to produce.
5. increase = auzesis = growth, enlargement.

6. body = somatos = body.

7. edifying = oikodmen = building.

[energeian function. It refers to the working process (Robinson). auzesin part. auzano growing, pres. mid. ind. The mid. is used of the body promoting its own growth (Abbott).

For from him the whole body, closely joined and knit together by the contact of every part with the source of its life, derives its power to grow, in proportion to the vigour of each individual part; and so is being built up in a spirit of love ---TCNT

Dependent on Him, the whole body -- its various parts closely fitting and firmly adhering to one another -- grows by the aid of every contributory ligament, with power proportioned to the need of each individual part, so as to build itself up in a spirit of love. Wey.

VII. HOW WOULD THE APPLICATION OF THESE PRINCIPLES HELP THIS CHURCH?

- A. Each member would be a serving and working member, addicted to ministering.
- B. The body of Christ, this church, would be larger and stronger.
- C. The church would possess Christ-likeness, unified, knowledgeable, mature, attaining to His stature.
- D. There would be doctrinal stability.
- E. The body would match the head.
- F. The body would look to the head in obedience.

