

Who is greater, the bishop or pastor?

Pastor: (modern day definition) **minister, clergyman, priest, parson, cleric, chaplain, padre, ecclesiastic, man of the cloth, churchman, vicar, rector, curate, preacher, imam; informal reverend.**

Pastor is only recorded one time in the KJV bible, and it's in the old testament

Jeremiah 17:16 As for me, I have not hastened from being a pastor to follow thee: neither have I desired the woeful day; thou knowest: that which came out of my lips was right before thee.

Pastors is only found 8 times in the bible (King James Version)

7 times in Jeremiah and once in the New Testament in Ephesians.

Ephesians 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

The bible refers to a Shepherd, Bishop and a pastor as being the same office.

1Peter 2:25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

Matthew 9:36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

There are multitudes of Pastors in the pulpit that are not called of God, nor believe the bible is ALL true. In other words they are in it for the money or prestige they figure the office implies.

Jeremiah 23:1 Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD.

John 10:12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth

the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

To be a good servant of the living God, such as a Pastor or Bishop, also the other offices recorded in the scriptures such as, a Deacon, Elder, Evangelist, or teacher. Requires the calling of God which creates a desire within you. Otherwise you will fit in the category of Jeremiah 23:1.

1Timothy 3:1 This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

1Timothy 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

2Timothy 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

You don't just jump into the office of ministry as soon as you feel or know God called you. The Holy spirit has to teach you, either through natural means or the Holy Spirit will teach you himself. **YOU WILL KNOW WHICH WAY HE WANTS YOU TO GO.**

The apostle Paul had a great conversion, but the Holy Spirit taught him for three years before he went out and this is recorded in **Galatians 1:16/18**

1Timothy 3:10 And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.

Matthew 20:25/28 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. **But it shall not be so among you:** but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; **And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:** Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

God has set in the church for the growth and edifying of the body of believers so that Christ can have a church without spot or wrinkle.

Ephesians 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers.

1Corinthians 12:28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

Apostles are taught by God through the Holy Spirit as Paul was, they pioneer and start works such as churches etc. and there is always signs and wonders done through their ministering. They can or have exercised every office in the church at one time or another, even if it's not their preference

Prophets, are those that share a word from God revealing the hidden, present or future. Anyone of the other ministries may have this office as well.

Evangelists, all Christians are evangelists or Should be. Stephen and Philip were of the of the seven original elders set up by the original Apostles. (**Acts 21:8**) (**Acts 8:5/40**) (**Acts 6:2 to 7:60**)

Pastors or Shepherds, or Bishops whatever you want to call them, have or should have a special love or caring so the flock or church can be taught the things of God and not the tradition of man.

Teachers these are people that have studied the bible and hopefully asked the Holy Spirit to show them, so in turn they can teach others. But unfortunately, God has warned us that in the later days this won't be so. (**2Timothy 4:3**)

These offices may be in operation for each one, but highly unlikely as we are a body ministry.

1Corinthians 12: 27/29 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. And God hath set some in the church, first

apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?

The great commission was given to ALL believers

(**Mark 16:15/20**) These signs followed them that believe.

Do They?

1Corinthians 14:37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

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