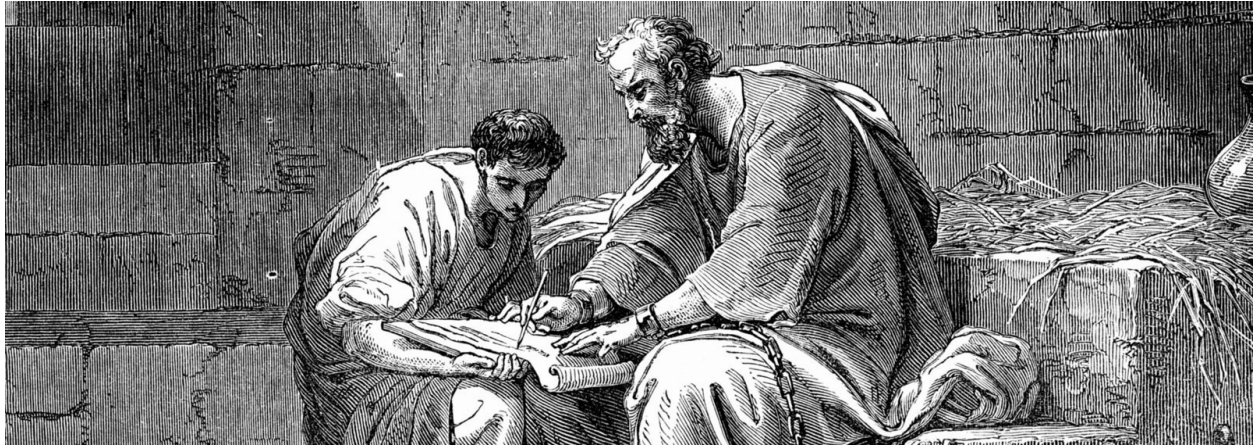


Spiritual Leaders for God's Flock



Sermon Questions

1. _____ is the key to learning.
2. What happens when we order our worship in ways contrary to what God has revealed?
 - a. He sends down fire from heaven.
 - b. He opposes our efforts.
 - c. He plays the cards he's been dealt (that is, God works what we offer).
 - d. Nothing. It's just not best.
3. There is always more than one pastor/elder in each church in the New Testament? (Yes/No)
4. Elder, pastor, bishop, and overseer are all terms that describe the same position. (Yes/No)
5. It's not good for a single leader to have too much authority, therefore we should:
 - a. Divide power between different groups like elders, deacons, trustees so that no group has too much power.
 - b. Require the congregation to approve most of the decisions that the leaders make.
 - c. Have a plurality of godly leaders that share the task of oversight.
6. Someone must be willing and eager to serve as an elder. (Yes/No)
7. The reward for serving as a faithful elder is:
 - a. A real crown that you can wear in heaven.
 - b. A real crown that you'll receive and place in front of Jesus in heaven.
 - c. Glory or honor given by Jesus Christ, the Chief Shepherd.
 - d. Eternal life.

8. What must be our focus when we strive to obey these commands and have a biblical form of leadership? (circle all that apply)
- a. Christ's return and the glory that is going to be revealed and that all Christians will share in.
 - b. If we follow these commands, we'll have lots of people come to our church.
 - c. Christ's death and resurrection and what his suffering means for us—that we are free from God's wrath!
 - d. Christ's shepherding of the flock. He bought, cares for, and ensures that all his sheep will be saved.

Bonus: Fill in the blanks and the book that these verses are from.

Jesus said, "I am the good _____. The good _____ lays down his _____ for the _____. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

I am the good _____. I know my own and my own know _____, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my _____ for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one _____. For this reason the Father _____ me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have _____ to lay it own, and I have _____ to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

_____ 10:11–18