**I**ntroduction: The Problem

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PASSING THE BATON OF MINISTRY FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

**Session X**

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1. The issue is one of discipleship, and the primacy of the local church to “make disciples.”
2. Pastors must be “overseers.” An overseer is one who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the saints for the work of ministry.
3. This is true generally of local church ministry but is also yet true in the identification of men called by God into the office of “pastor” or “evangelist” (Eph. 4).

**I. Key Texts and Ideas**

A. Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Timothy 2:2; Philippians 4:8:

We must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

B. The Example of Paul in His Itinerant Missionary Ministry

C. The New Testament Practice of Elevating Men to the Pastoral Office

D. The Design of Local Church Ministry: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

1. Understand and implement true New Testament pastoral ministry!

2. “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ vs. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

E. The “Call of God” to pastoral ministry must be biblically understood.

1. Are you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ? (1 Timothy 3; Titus 1)

2. How's your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? (1 Timothy 3)

3. Can you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? (1 Timothy 3; Ephesians 4:12)

4. Can you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? (1 Peter 5:1-5)

5. Do you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the lost? (1 Corinthians 9:16)

6. Who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? (Acts 13:3)[[1]](#footnote-1)

7. The Call of God:

i. The presence of the eminent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Timothy 3/Titus 1)

ii. An inward \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to serve in pastoral ministry (1 Corinthians 9:16; 1 Timothy 3:1)

iii. Contemporary \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in local church ministry

iv. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of local church leadership and the congregation

v. Possession of the God-given \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to preach/teach God’s Word.

**II. Stray Thoughts**

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**III. Communicate the Essence of Pastoral Ministry**

Model and teach authentic ministry as a God-called pastor. Manifest an “Acts 20” model of realistic, blessed ministry:

**Acts 20:18***“You yourselves know you I lived among you…”*

**Paul’s Ministry Model:**

1. I served (v. 19)!
2. I served with all humility!
3. I served with trails and personal opposition!
4. I served, not shrinking back from teaching you both publicly and privately in your homes (v. 20).
5. I served, testifying not only the gospel but the correct response to the gospel: repentance and faith (v. 21).
6. I served constrained, led by the Spirit (v. 22).
7. I served without guarantees (v. 22).
8. I served with guarantee of imprisonment and opposition (v. 23).
9. I served with biblical, God-honoring purpose (v. 24).
10. I served largely apart from your fellowship and encouragement (v. 25).
11. I served with a clear conscience toward God, declaring to you all the counsel of God (vv. 26-27).
12. I served with care for God’s church, the church He has brought into existence with the blood of His own Son (v. 28).
13. I served knowing wolves will attack (vv. 29-30).
14. I served constantly with great passion (vv. 31).
15. I served in trust of God and His Word of grace (v. 32).
16. I served with correct motivations (vv. 33-35).
17. I served, working hard for the weak (v. 35).
1. Matt Chandler, forward in *Am I Called? The Summons to Pastoral Ministry* by Dave Harvey. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)