

Passing the Baton of Ministry from Generation to Generation

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The Problem(s)

- Fewer Qualified Men
- Shrinking churches
- Pastorless Churches
- Church Closures
- Fewer Lifetime Servants

The Problem(s)

- Misunderstanding of the “call of God”
- Baby Boomer Pastors retiring
- Institutional Shrinkage
- Severe Independence

**The issue is one of discipleship, and
the primacy of the local church to
“make disciples.”**

Pastors must be “overseers.”
An overseer is one who **identifies,**
trains and **mobilizes** the saints for the
work of ministry.

**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.”**

Key Texts & Ideas

1. Matthew 28:19-20; 2 Timothy 2:2; etc.

We must **practice** what we **preach** and **preach** what we **practice**.

2. Paul's Example

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3. The New Testament Practice

4. The Design of Local Church Ministry: **intentional disciple-making.**

“form” vs. “function”

Key Texts & Ideas

5. The “Call of God”

Are you **godly**?

How’s your **family**?

Can you **preach**?

Can you **shepherd**?

Do you **love** the lost?

Who **agrees**?

The Call of God

- The presence of eminent **godliness**
- An inward **compulsion**
- Contemporary **fruitful ministry**
- **Agreement** of the church
- Possession of the God-given **ability and opportunity**

Closing Thoughts

- Urgency vs. Importance
- Think “long haul”
- Local Church Internships
- Develop a Discipleship Culture

Closing Thoughts Continued

- Don't do ministry alone.
- Make training men for ministry part of the prayer culture of your church
- “Bless” other churches

Communicate the Essence of Pastoral Ministry

Model and teach authentic ministry as a
God-called pastor.