

WHAT IS THE EXTENT OF PASTORAL AUTHORITY? Pt. 4

A. The UNSCRIPTURAL IMBALANCES regarding SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY.

B. The SCRIPTURAL BALANCE of Godly Spiritual Leaders.

C. The BIBLICAL EXTENT of PASTORAL AUTHORITY.

1. To _____ publicly the Word of God with _____
_____ and _____ to relevant needs / problems.

- 1 Timothy 4:13
- 2 Timothy 4:1-5
- Titus 2:15

2. To address personally those in need of ...

... _____. (Galatians 6:1).

... _____, etc. (1 Thessalonians 5:12-14).

... _____. (Titus 1:13).

... resolving some _____. (1 Cor. 6:1-7).

... addressing _____. (1 Timothy 1:3-5)

... providing _____ to fellow-believers, and perhaps
beyond. (Acts 6; 1 Tim.5:1-16; Gal.6:10)

2. To determine church policy and practices within biblical parameters such as...

...the _____ of the church service (1 Tim. 2; 1 Cor.14:26, 40)

...administering the church _____ (1 Cor. 11:26-34)

...handling the church _____ (1 Corinthians 16:1-2)

...other?

3. To exercise church discipline in cases of...

... unrepentant _____. (1 Corinthians 5).

... _____ conduct. (2 Thessalonians 3:6-15).

... creating _____. (Titus 3:10-11).

... unrepentant _____. (1 Tim. 1:3-4, 18-20)

... sinning _____. (1 Timothy 5:19-20).

4. to evaluate, oversee, and appoint various believers to serve...

... as _____. (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9).

... as _____. (1 Timothy 3:8-13).

... other _____. (2 Timothy 2:1-2;

Mark 16:15; Eph. 4:11-12)

... as _____. (Acts 13:3).

Some closing applications:

1. _____ your spiritual leaders and their God-given place in your life and in our local church. (1 Thess. 5:12)

2. _____ your spiritual leaders for their work's sake. (1 Thess. 5:13)

3. _____ their biblical teaching and _____ to their practical decisions / directives as unto the Lord. (Hebrews 13:17)

4. _____ for your spiritual leaders as they are in the heat of the spiritual battle and are not sufficient in themselves, as their sufficiency is from God for wisdom & strength to do His will. (Heb. 13:18; 2 Cor. 3:5-6)

5. _____ your spiritual leaders. (1 Tim. 5:19-20)

6. _____ for one another so as to "be at peace among yourselves" (1 Thess. 5:13b) and to "guard the unity of the Spirit" (Eph. 4:3; Phil. 1:27).