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Scripture: *I Timothy 4* ~ Subject: *Pastoring God's Flock*

I. Some Biblical Scriptures to help you understand Pastoring

1. **Jeremiah 3:15** - And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.
2. **Matthew 10:41**- "He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward."
3. **Acts 6:3-4** - Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer & the ministry of the word.
4. **Romans 10:13-15** - For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!
5. **Galatians 6:6** - "Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches."
6. **Ephesians 4:11** - "And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,"
7. **1 Corinthians 9:14** - "In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel."
8. **1 Timothy 5:17-18** - "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward."
9. **Hebrews 13:7** - "Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith."
10. **Hebrews 13:17** - "Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you."
11. **2 Timothy 4:2** - "Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching."
12. **James 5:14-15** - Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.
13. **1 Timothy 3:1-7** - This is a true saying, if a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children into subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Not a novice,

lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

II. Pastoring can be very:

1. **Fulfilling** – Get to live out God's calling & share God's word
2. **Heartwarming** – Get to see people accept Christ as Savior
3. **Satisfying** – Get to witness others being blessed, healed, & delivered
4. **Rewarding** – Get to baptize, marry, dedicate babies, bless homes
5. **Gratifying** – Get to see God's power & advance God's Kingdom

III. Pastoring can be very:

1. **Difficult** – The Devil and demonic spirits constantly attacking
2. **Depressing** – Many don't want to be saved or hear the Gospel
3. **Discouraging** – Sheep are stubborn & prone to wander
4. **Dispiriting** – Receive more complaints & critiques than compliments
5. **Desolating** – Often in isolation and alone
6. **Disheartening** – Many refuse to follow God or Pastoral leadership
7. **Draining** – Constantly pouring out, depleting, & exhausting
8. **Disappointing** – Often misunderstood & misinterpreted
9. **Deflating** – Constantly around pain, suffering, sickness, & death

IV. Pastor Paul provides Pastor Timothy with:

1. **Pastoral Information (v.1)**
"The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons."
2. **Pastoral Inspiration (v.4-6)**
"If you point these things out to the brothers and sisters, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed." (v.6)
3. **Pastoral Intercession (v.7-8)**
"For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." (v.8)
4. **Pastoral Intent (v.9-10)**
"That is why we labor & strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, & especially of those who believe." (v.10)
5. **Pastoral Investment (v.12-14)**
"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you." (v.12-13)
6. **Pastoral Insight (v.15-16)**
"Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life & doctrine closely. Persevere in them, b/c if you do, you will save both yourself & your hearers. (v.15-16)