

1 Timothy 4:6-16; 5:3-21; 2 Timothy 4:1-8

I. You are to pray

- A. This undergirds everything else you do
- B. You are to pray privately, frequently, with others (1 Thess. 5:17; Acts 6:4; 20:36)
- C. You are to take the lead in praying publicly. (1 Tim. 2:1-8)

II. You are to lead by example

- A. "Keep a close watch on yourself" (1 Tim. 4:15-16; 2 Tim. 1:6-8; 3:14)
- B. Set an example (1 Tim. 4:12; 5:1-3; 6:12; 2 Tim. 1:8; 2:3,7-8,24; 4:5)
- C. "Official authority" and "moral authority" (1 Tim. 4:11-12,15-16; 5:7; Titus 2:7-8,15)
- D. Your godliness and careful and accurate teaching are the means God will use to bring about perseverance (1 Tim. 4:16; 6:12; Titus 2:7-8)

III. You are to know, teach, preach, and use biblical doctrine

- A. "What you have learned ... the deposit" (1 Tim. 6:20; 2 Tim. 1:13; 2:1-3; 3:14-15)
- B. "Keep a close watch on ... the teaching" (1 Tim. 4:16; 2 Tim. 1:6-8; 2:14; Titus 1:11-14; 3:1)
- C. You will need to use Scripture, not just believe that it is true (2 Tim. 3:16; 4:1)
- D. You will need to rule cautiously and impartially (1 Tim. 5:21-22)
- E. You will need to sharpen your understanding, teaching, and preaching of Scripture (2 Tim. 2:15; 4:1-2; Eccl. 10:10; Ezra 7:10; Acts 20:20)
- F. You will need to understand sacred doctrine more and more deeply (1 Tim. 4:16)
- G. You will need to connect the life of the church with the Gospel (1 Tim. 4:6)
- H. You are to teach *repentance* and *faith* (Acts 20:21)

IV. You are to steer conversation and conduct (Titus 3:1-11)

- A. Steer conversation *away from* pointless controversies (1 Tim. 1:3-4,19; 4:7,12; 6:20-21; 2 Tim. 2:14,23)
- B. Steer conversation *toward* the gospel of Jesus Christ
- C. Steer conduct toward ... (Titus 3:14)

V. You are to protect God's flock

- A. Many dangers to the flock of God (1 Peter 5:2; Acts 20:29-31; John 10:12-13)
- B. Your tools: the word and prayer ... applied in various ways (Matthew 18:18)
- C. When necessary, call on the power of the sword (the state) to do its job

VI. You are to help other men be faithful leaders

- A. By training, mentoring, and ordaining (1 Tim. 5:22; 2 Tim. 2:1-3; Titus 1:5)
- B. By paying (1 Tim. 5:17)
- C. By dealing with accusations (1 Tim. 5:19-20)
- D. Through mutual (and external) accountability

VII. You are to trust in the Chief Shepherd to do his work through you

- A. We pastor alongside the apostles (1 Peter 5:1).
- B. Why should we do this? (1 Peter 5:4)
- C. We are saved, not by our good pastoring, but by Jesus' good pastoring. (1 Peter 2:24-25)