

The Responsibility of Church Leaders

Ministers have many responsibilities. Two important ones are preaching the Gospel and leading the church.

2 Timothy 4:2

- 20. What is the first responsibility that Paul mentioned in his charge to Timothy? Preach the Word.

Romans 10:14, 15

- 21. Why is it important that the Gospel be preached? Men must hear and believe the Gospel before they can be saved.

1 Peter 5:1-3

The minister's work goes beyond preaching to the unconverted. He must also provide for the spiritual needs of the believers in his local congregation.

- 22. How does the minister feed the flock of God? (Consider the parallel between feeding sheep and caring for a congregation.) The Word of God is the bread of life. As the minister preaches the Word, it nourishes the hearts of those who receive it. The faithful minister will provide a "balanced diet" for the sheep in his care.

B. WORD STUDY

Match the terms on the right with their definitions. You will not use all the choices.

- h 1. A manager or treasurer in charge of another's sessions
i 2. Dominated by selfish interests; inconsiderate of others
e 3. One who speaks evil of others with malicious intent
c 4. Reverence; respect; proper dignity
b 5. The act of serving
a 6. The office of overseer
g 7. To admonish; to urge to faithfulness; to comfort or encourage
f 8. To be ready or prepared
a. bishoprick [bishopric] (Acts 1:20)
b. ministration (Acts 6:1)
c. gravity (1 Timothy 3:4)
d. reproach (1 Timothy 3:7)
e. slanderer (1 Timothy 3:11)
f. instant (2 Timothy 4:2)
g. exhort (2 Timothy 4:2)
h. steward (Titus 1:7)
i. selfwilled [self-willed] (Titus 1:7)