

"Pastor and Layman Laboring Together"

I. Two types of men in the church today:

- A. Paid Professionals – earn their money from the ministry.
- B. Laity – earn their money from secular employment.

"Secular" – (definition) – "attitudes, activities, or other things that have no religious or spiritual basis".

1. Questions:

- a. Which of the two types is the best type to be?
- b. Which of the two types has God's favor?
- c. Which of the two types is called by God?

C. Historical Perspective: God's Perspective

II. The Role of the paid professionals today:

A. Ephesians 4:11-16

v.12 "equipping" (NASB) or "perfecting" (KJV) is "Katartismos" in the Greek language. It has several possible meanings:

- 1. To set a broken bone.
- 2. Mend a frayed net.
- 3. Restore to mint condition.

B. Acts. 20:28

- 1. "overseers"

C. II Timothy 2:1,2 Paul tells Timothy several things:

- 1. Multiply your ministry.
- 2. Disciple men.
- 3. Set the pace.

III. What to expect from your pastor?

A. A vision for the church.

- 1. Is it programs or process?
- 2. Is there room for me?

B. Messages to listen for:

- 1. Are they expository in nature?
 - a. take a passage apart
 - b. define what parts mean
 - c. put the parts back together
 - d. application
 - e. exhortation

2. Heart for discipleship Acts 15:36-16:5
- a. v.36 "see how they are"
 - b. v.41 "strengthening the churches"
 - c. v.16:5 "were being strengthened in the faith and increasing in number daily."

C. Willingness to be accountable

D. Models the life - I Thessalonians 1:5

IV. What your pastor should expect from you.

A. A Growing Disciple I Timothy 4:6-16

v.15 "progress" (NASB) or "profiting" (KJV) – both mean "the advancement of spiritual development"

B. A Reproducer I Thessalonians 1:7

v. 7 "example" – "Tupos" in the Greek language. It is where we get our English word "type" and means "a mark left by a blow." II Timothy 2:2

V. Where to Begin?

A. Acts 1:8 start where you are and move out.

B. Acts 17:17 minister in the church and outside the church.

VI. What to teach? Ex. 18:18-20

The word, the walk, the work

VII. Warnings

A. Protect your men. Genesis 33:14

B. Expect opposition.

VIII. Closing Questions:

A. If not disciple making – what?

B. If not you – Who?

C. If not now – When?