



Trait #14- "Unpaid Pastors"
Day 1

Read Acts 6:1-7

This is a passage about the early church and how it began to grow. It is important to note that as a church grows, responsibilities change for everyone. As a pastor, you start to learn that some of the things that you could do when the church was smaller, can no longer be done in the larger setting. It appears that the apostles (the pastors in the this story) were the ones that were waiting the tables and caring for the widows. One day people started to notice this was changing.

What was the complaint that was made?

What was the solution that was given?

What do the disciples decide should be the main responsibilities of the pastors?

What do you think this looks like in day to day activity at Keystone Church?



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Day 2

Read 1 Timothy 3:1-7

Read Titus 1:5-9

Read 1 Peter 5

What qualifications do these passages require from the pastor? (Look for words like "overseer" and "elder")

If you were helping with the interview process of a church looking for a new pastor, how would you apply these verses?

Do you think that these qualifications should be held to a pastor any more strict than to everyone else that attends a church? Why or why not?

What does 1 Peter 5 tell us about how a pastor is to lead?



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Day 3

Read 2 Corinthians 9:1-15 (6,7);

God calls all of us to give, but He wants our giving to be out of love and cheerfulness, not out of necessity (feeling obligated, or like you have to).

Why should we be happy to give?

And why the stress on the intents of our heart when we give? Isn't it enough that we give?

And to whom shall we give?

To help with some of these answers look at verses 12-15.

As far as to whom shall we give? Well Matthew 10:42 states that if we so much give a cup of cold water to "one of these little ones" we've given unto God. "little ones" here could refer to anyone in need or helpless, especially our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Acts 2:44-45; so you can give to someone directly or you can give to the church, and the church will do with the money as is needed (such as: pay for the facility that we congregate in, including utilities, give to support other missions and/or church gatherings and other functions etc. By giving to the church, you are also providing for the pastor and his family **1 Corinthians 9:14**).

The important thing is you give "as you have purposed in your heart".



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Read Matthew 5:42

Read Ephesians 4:28;

Giving to others (whether it be directly to an individual or to the church), and whether it be through finances, time, food, clothes etc., is probably the number one way to show God's love. **And Love is what it is all about.** Especially when we give to our brothers and sisters in Christ who are in need.

I recently was one of those in need. After being laid off all winter, I came back to work and shortly after got injured. A month went by and I had no income coming in (workers compensation hadn't kicked in yet). So i was in a real situation. And a brother/friend from the church helped me out. What he did, I won't forget.

The point is giving can change lives. At the same time it shows your faith in action, through love. There's a conversation in a movie that goes " how can we change the world?" The answer is " By one small act of random kindness at a time".

Read 2 Corinthians chapter 8; I'm leaving this one to you. What do you see in this chapter relating to what we are talking about? Read over this a second time, and think about it today. Contemplate how you can make a difference.



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Day 5

Read 1 Corinthians 9:15-27

These are the scriptures that we will be looking at next week.

What do you think Paul means in verses 20-23?

How can you apply these verses to your life?

What can you learn from verses 24-27?

How can these verses affect your week this week?