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# PASTORING OR PANDERING

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WHAT is the role of a "pastor" in our lives as believers in Jesus Christ. Is their role still relevant to us today in these "modern times". Our culture seems to tell us that the Bible itself is not relevant for us today, "times have changed", the Scripture was written for a "different time and a different place". Today we live by our intellect and reasoning, we have "progressed in thought" and don't need the instructions on how to live from ancient historical documents like the Bible. Today, there is this idea that there are no "absolutes" that we must all adhere to, every one "does that which is right in his own eyes." The Bible represents these absolute truths that our culture denies, because the Bible claims to be the "Truth".

Truth is relevant for all time and all people even though there are adaptations we may make in the application of truth. "Moral Absolutes" are the "echoes from Eden" that reside in the conscience of all men since Creation when "man was made in the image of God" (having His moral and spiritual character). It is the denial of what our conscience tells us that makes man the savage beast he can become such as we see today in ISIS and other "terrorist groups" that are blood thirsty killers who delight in even beheading innocent children. The Book of Romans makes it clear what happens to mankind when he rejects the obvious truth revealed in Creation (Intelligent Design), and that which is revealed through "special revelation" and recorded in Scripture (2 Peter 1:19-20).

*"Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 30 Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without*

*natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: 32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them." Romans 1:29-32 KJV*

Any honest person can see these things all taking place in our society in increasing measures just like the "old fashioned Bible" says they would.

So then, what is the "role of pastors" in the lives of believers today, are they just "chaplains" giving comfort to troubled souls, making hospital visits to bring flowers and offer a prayer for the sick, praying for blessings on our families, law enforcement and military? Or are they to be "standard bearers" in our local communities of the moral and ethical behavior of those who call themselves Christians. Are they to be "equippers of the saints who are to be doing the ministry of Christ" in this world, who on their behalf is at the Right Hand of God making intercession for them. Are pastors still supposed to be "guardians of the flock of God", protecting it from wolves arising from within and without, holding forth the Word of Life in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation. Yes, they are all these things and more to the Body of Christ, and should be received and honored as such when their lives reflect the biblical characteristics of those called to be "shepherds of the flock". Pastors are not to be "panderers", acting only as "chaplains" to the people of God, they are to be spiritual leaders who command the respect of Christians because of their diligent and uncompromising stand for Truth, not as "crusaders against all evil", but as those who "speak the truth in love" and entreat people with compassion to follow the right ways of God Almighty at all cost. What kind of spiritual leader do you prefer, A Pastor or a Panderer?

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Generation Impact Ministries is the ministry of Keith Collins. He has been actively involved in ministry for over 35 years and currently resides in Charlotte, NC with his family including his wife Darla, three daughters, son-in-laws, and five grandchildren. Keith's experience is vast including missionary evangelism, church planting, international and domestic traveling ministry, ministry school president and director, college professor, pastoring, etc. Keith is actively involved in itinerate ministry and speaks in various settings nationally and internationally on a regular basis. In recent years he served as the President of the Brownsville Revival School of Ministry and as the Director of FIRE School of Ministry, which were both born out of The Brownsville Revival in Pensacola, FL.

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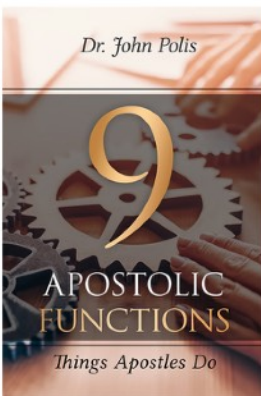
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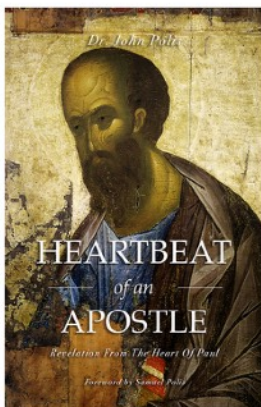
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