

**W**hat impressions have you drawn over the years from the pastors God has put into your life? What were some of the major lessons you learned from them? How did they help you? What did you do when they challenged your values or upset you, by what seemed at the time to be overstepping boundary lines? Were your pastors loved, admired, appreciated, venerated, resisted, or ignored?

I already had a number of pastors in my life before I ever became one. Today, let's focus on the roles and responsibilities of pastors as described in the life and words of the apostle/pastor Paul. How will this impact the way we respond to God and His plans for us, courtesy of the pastors He places in our lives and churches?

***Up close and personal (vs. 17-19)***

***Preaching without hesitation (vs. 20-21)***

***The cost of discipleship (vs. 22-24)***

***Passing the baton (vs. 25-38)***

## Personal Application and Group Interaction

1. What's so special about pastors/the role of a pastor?
2. Who do you trust to help you grow throughout your spiritual journey?
3. When have you sought out a spiritual shepherd?
4. Pastors also have feet of clay. Even so, why is it important for you to have a pastor?
5. How have you reacted/responded when you thought a pastor was speaking "directly to you"?
6. What are we, as under-shepherds, doing to pass the baton of ministry to those coming up behind us?



# A Pastor's Heart

**Acts 20:17-38**

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