

An aerial photograph of a busy crosswalk with white stripes on a dark asphalt road. Several pedestrians are walking across the crosswalk, and their long shadows are cast across the white stripes. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

LAST DAYS LIVING

A STUDY IN I & II THESSALONIANS

**“The Profile of a Godly Pastor”
(Part 2)**

I THESSALONIANS 2:5-9

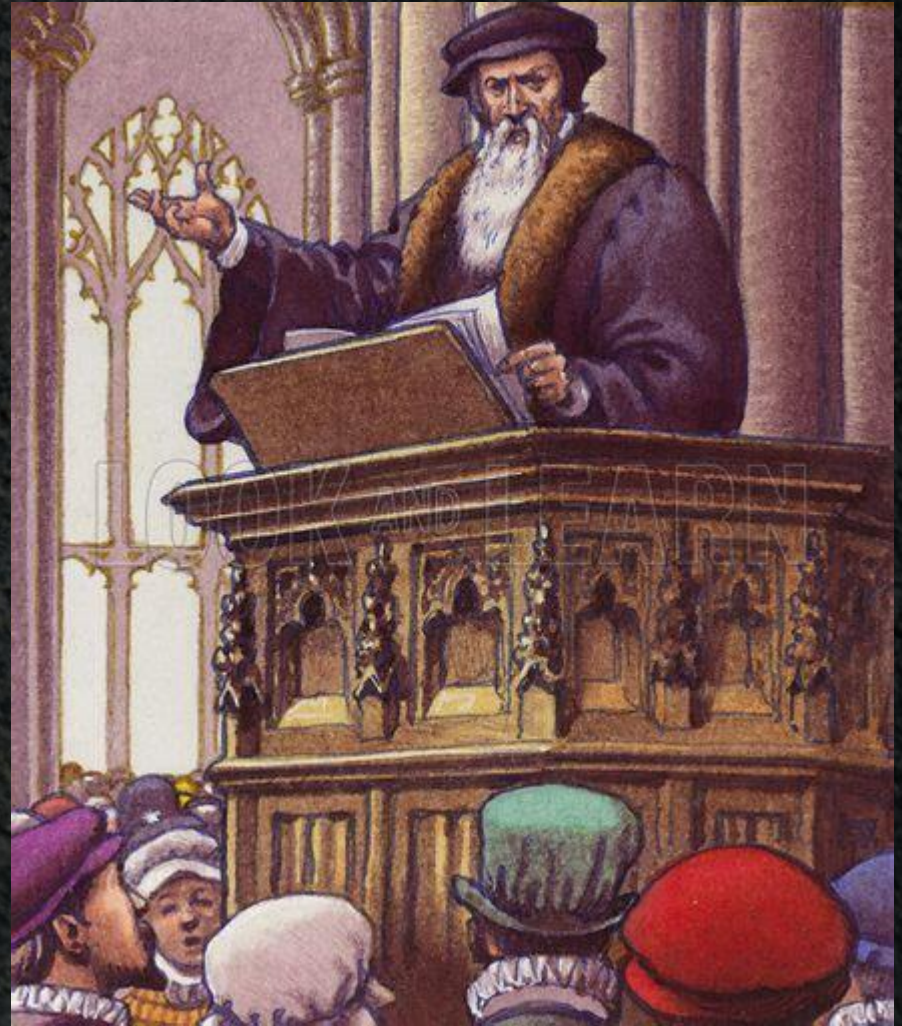
| Term | Meaning | Scripture |
|----------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Elder | Church leader | I Timothy 3:3-13; Titus 1:6-8 |
| Pastor | Function of an elder | Ephesians 4:11 |
| Overseer | Over a congregation | Hebrews 13:17 |
| Apostle | Sent one | I Thessalonians 2:6 |

“The work of the shepherd encompasses everything from watching little lambs, ordering the sheep, and fending off wolves.”



Kevin DeYoung
Embracing a Pastoral Approach

“The pastor ought to have two voices; one for gathering the sheep and another for warding off and driving away wolves and thieves. The Scripture supplies him with the means of doing both.”



John Calvin

I. Purposeful in Coming (vs. 1-2)

II. Truthful in Appeal (vs. 3)

III. Accountable in Motive (vs. 4)

Who Is a Godly Pastor?

KEY POINT:

A godly pastor will show evidence of his righteous character by how he shepherds the church.

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IV. Honorable in Speech (vs. 5)

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- Means *“to deceive someone about themselves for selfish means and not for edification”*
- Might have some elements of truth but with a manipulative angle
- The opposite of this is to speak with sincerity, with truthful words, with edifying words
- Conceited at its root
- Condemned in Scripture

What is Flattery?

*² Everyone utters lies to his neighbor;
with flattering lips and a double heart they speak.
³ May the LORD cut off all flattering lips,
the tongue that makes great boasts,*

Psalm 12:2-3

*² For he flatters himself in his own eyes
that his iniquity cannot be found out and hated.*

Psalm 36:2

²³ Whoever rebukes a man will afterward find more favor than he who flatters with his tongue.

Proverbs 28:23

*17 For we are not, like so many,
peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity,
as commissioned by God,
in the sight of God we speak in Christ.*

II Corinthians 2:17

- Wanting more than God has given
- Demanding of God that He give more to you than He has given

What is Greedy Speech?

“Our goal in preaching is to constrain people to choose change because it is reasonable and right before God, not because they have been manipulated into some momentary feeling or action. We persuade them from the Scriptures to choose the right course of action...”



John MacArthur
Rediscovering Expository
Preaching

We do not pile on emotional pressure until they break...I believe the legitimate point of persuasion ends with the clear presentation of the truth and must not move beyond that to artificial emotional stimuli for eliciting a response....



John MacArthur
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Our people know us,
and our persuasiveness
depends on the quality of
our lives. Paul's preaching
was persuasive,
but his life won the hearts
of people.”



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*⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves,
but Jesus Christ as Lord,
with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.*

II Corinthians 4:5

*⁴⁵ “For even the Son of Man came not to be served
but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom
for many.”*

Mark 10:45

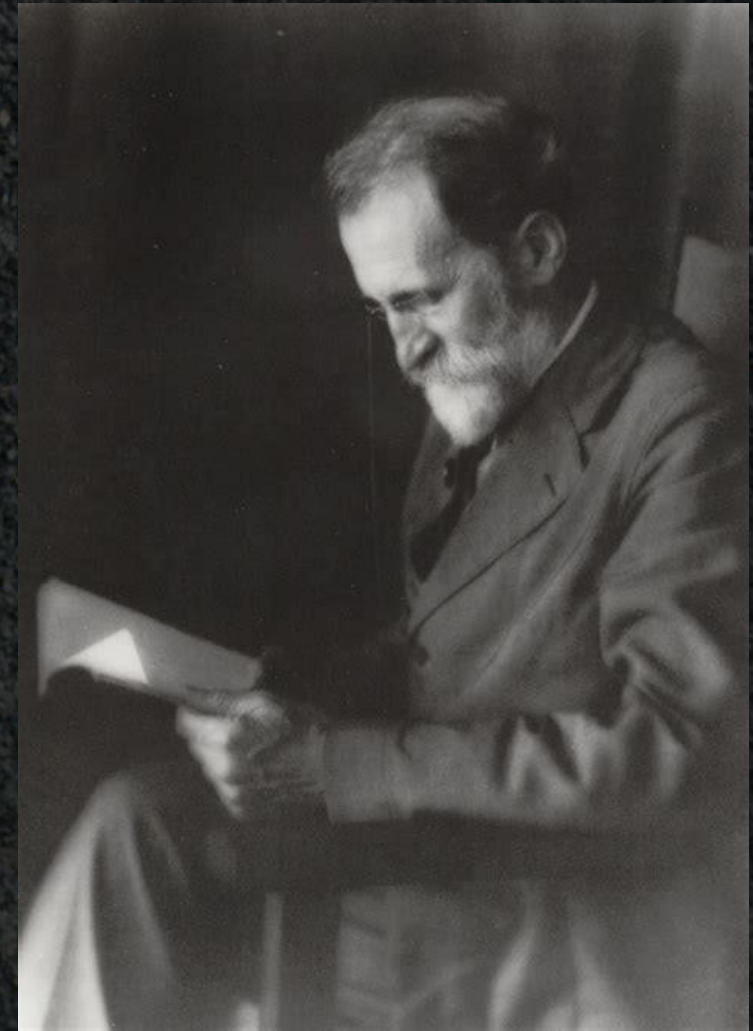
*²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said,
“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over
them, and their great ones exercise authority over
them. ²⁶ It shall not be so among you.
But whoever would be great among you must be your
servant, ²⁷ and whoever would be first among you
must be your slave,*

Matthew 20:25-27

“If I appear great in their eyes, the Lord is most graciously helping me to see how absolutely nothing I am without Him, and helping me to keep little in my own eyes.

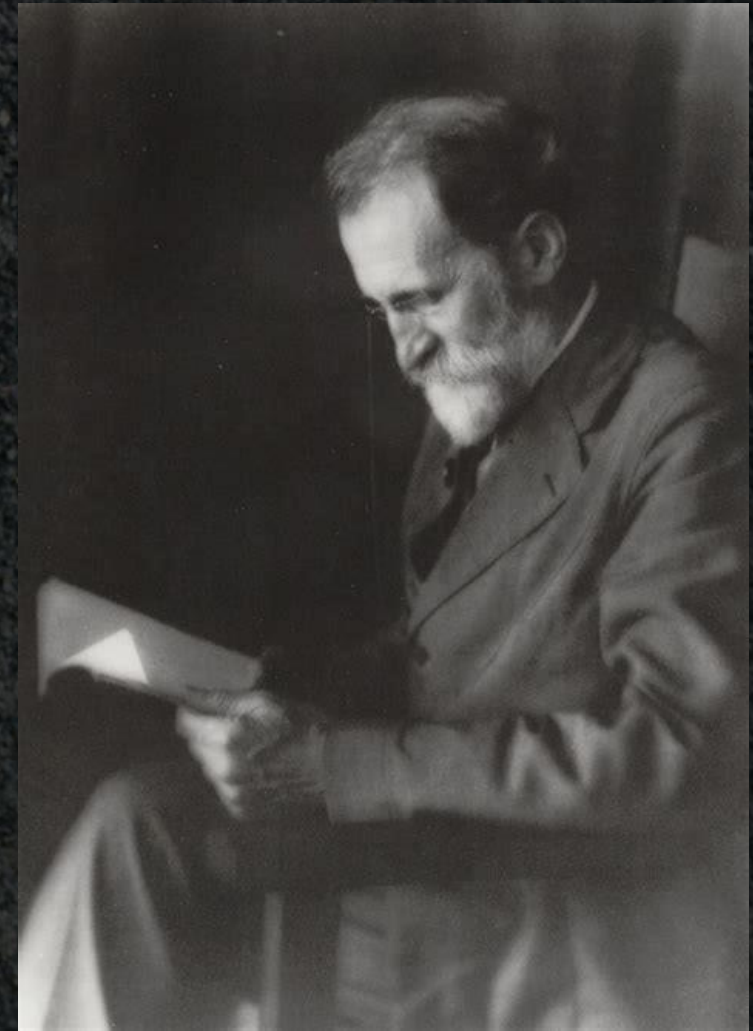
He does use men.

But I am so concerned that He uses me and that is not of the work is



Samuel Brengle

done. The axe cannot
boast of the tree it has cut
down. It could do nothing
but for the woodsman.
He made it, sharpened it,
and he used it.
The moment he throws it
aside; it becomes only old
iron. O that I may never
lost sight of this.”



Samuel Brengle

“He did not compromise the gospel. He would not change the least truth in the least way in order to satisfy anyone. But he would condescend in any way for anyone if that would in any way help bring him to Christ. He would never set aside a truth of the gospel, but he would gladly restrict his liberty in the gospel.”



John MacArthur

“The great fault, I think,
in our missions is that no
one likes to be second.”



Robert Morrison

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- VI. Maternal in Ministry (vs. 7-8)

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- Means “mild, kind, soft, easy to talk to, approachable”
- Opposite - “harsh, combative, overbearing, pugnacious”
- Also used in II Timothy 2:24 - “And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, PATIENTLY ENDURING EVIL.”

Paul Was Gentle

- Willing to nourish
- Lifting burdens

Paul Was Compassionate

- Like a mother warming her baby with body heat
- A longing and yearning
- From a Greek word expressing a parent's desire to be with their child that has died

Paul Was Affectionate

- Sacrificial
- Lowly service

Paul Was Selfless

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- **Labor**: Means “difficult work, fatiguing work, tiring work”
- **Toil**: Means “distressing work, toilsome work, hardship”

Words for “Work”

*³¹ Therefore be alert,
remembering that for three years I did not cease
night or day to admonish every one with tears.*

Acts 20:31

*¹⁰ as we pray most earnestly night and day that we
may see you face to face and supply what is lacking
in your faith?*

I Thessalonians 3:10

⁸ For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord.

II Thessalonians 3:8

¹⁷ Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. ¹⁸ For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer deserves his wages."

I Timothy 5:17-18

¹⁴ In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.

I Corinthians 9:14

⁶ Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches.

Galatians 6:6

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“It will be in vain for me to
stock my library,
or organize societies,
or project schemes,
if I neglect the culture of
myself; for books,
and agencies, and
systems, are only
remotely the instruments
of my holy calling;



Charles Spurgeon
Lectures to My Students

my own spirit, soul,
and body, are my nearest
machinery for sacred
service; my spiritual
faculties, and my inner
life, are my battle axe and
weapons of war.”



Charles Spurgeon
Lectures to My Students

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