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TEXT: EPHESIANS 4:11-16, JEREMIAH 3:15

The pastor is to give health to the church and the Bible clearly states that he is given for that flock as gift. Knowing this will help us in our understanding and search for the one who God has prepared for us.

1. The Pastor

Pastor: A shepherd; one that has the care of flocks and herds.

- a. By example
- b. By protecting
- c. By feeding
- d. By guiding

2. The Bishop

Bishop: An overseer; a spiritual superintendent, ruler or director;

- a. A work desired (Vs. 1*)
- b. A work involved (Vs. 2-7*)
- c. A work of character (Tis 1:6-9*)
- d. Overseer in these ways:
 - i. The work of the ministry (Word of God)
 - ii. The will of the ministry (Leading of God)
 - iii. The we of the ministry (People of God)
 - iv. The way of the ministry (Church of God)

3. The Elder

Elder: a name frequently used in the Old Testament as denoting a person clothed with authority, and entitled to respect. In the NT, it was also a term used for pastors and gave the office it's sense of ruling or governing, a position of authority.

- a. Honoured
 - Worthy of double honour (I Timothy 5:17)
- b. Matured
 - Treated as fathers (I Timothy 5:1)
- c. Spiritual
 - Prays for the sick (James 5:14)

That's an overview. There's much more the nuance we can consider, but there's not the time. The main thing is to discern with Biblical knowledge of God's expectation, not ours.