## **One Pastor Can Do It All**

- A. Seminaries, Bible colleges, denominations, associations, missionary boards, and committees are unbiblical and useless.
- B. God has given each of His pastors the authority and ability to do everything that the service of His religion requires.
- C. One pastor alone can oversee a church (though multiple pastors are permitted if necessary).
  - 1. A pastor is a steward which is the master of a house, and which the scripture teaches that there need only be one.
  - 2. <u>Steward</u> *n*. 1. a. An official who controls the domestic affairs of a household, supervising the service of his master's table, directing the domestics, and regulating household expenditure; a major-domo.
  - 3. **Tit 1:7** For a bishop must be blameless, <u>as the steward of God</u>; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;
  - 4. Luk 12:42 And the Lord said, Who then is <u>that faithful and wise steward</u>, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?
  - 5. Denominations, associations, boards, or committees are not needed to govern a church; only a pastor is.
- D. A pastor is to do the work of an evangelist which includes baptizing people and starting churches.
  - 1. Philip was an evangelist who went into Samaria and preached the gospel, baptized people, and started a church there, which any pastor can do likewise.
  - 2. **2Ti 4:5** But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, <u>do the work of an evangelist</u>, make full proof of thy ministry.
  - 3. Act 21:8 And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of <u>Philip the evangelist</u>, which was one of the seven; and abode with him.
  - 4. Act 8:5 Then <u>Philip went down to the city of Samaria</u>, and preached Christ unto them.
  - 5. Act 8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.
  - 6. Act 9:31 Then had the <u>churches</u> rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and <u>Samaria</u>, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.
  - 7. Missionary boards or programs are not needed to evangelize other lands and plant churches; only a pastor is.
- E. A pastor is given the authority and responsibility to train and ordain other pastors (also called elders and bishops).
  - 1. Paul left one pastor, Titus, in Crete and told HIM to set in order the things that were wanting and ordain elders in every city.
    - a. **Tit 1:5** For this cause left I thee in Crete, that <u>THOU shouldest set in order the</u> things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as <u>I had appointed thee</u>:
    - b. Notice it was *Paul alone* who had appointed (ordained) Titus to be an elder.
  - 2. Paul likewise told one pastor, Timothy, to commit the preaching and teaching of the gospel to faithful men who would be able to do likewise.
    - a. **2Ti 2:2** And the things that <u>THOU</u> hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same <u>commit thou to faithful men</u>, who shall be able to teach others also.
    - b. Paul alone ordained Timothy.
    - c. **2Ti 1:6** Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of MY HANDS.
  - 3. Seminaries and Bible colleges are not needed to train and ordain pastors; only a pastor is.