

Caring for the Church



I PETER 4:7-10

Life Question



**What is my primary role in the
stewardship of the
local church?**

What is stewardship?



- Used over 20 times in Scripture
- NT usage
 - to arrange a house
 - a steward or guardian
- NT translations
 - steward, manager, administrator, guardian, foreman, curator

What is stewardship?



Stewardship is the careful, responsible, and biblical management of that which God has entrusted to us in order to fulfill His plan and purpose.

Pastor's Responsibility



- *Preach* for life change in the church
Acts 6:2, 4, 7
- *Teach* to feed the church
I Timothy 3:2, Ephesians 4:11-12
- *Prayer Care* of the church
Acts 6:4

Deacon's Responsibility



- *Serve* the church
I Timothy 3:8-13
- *Care* for the physical needs of the church
Acts 6:1-2
- *Preserve* the fellowship of the church
Acts 6:5-7

Flock Ministry



1. Regularly contact/communicate with the congregation.
2. Discover how they can serve and pray for the congregation.
3. Encourage, teach, and pray with the congregation.

Body's Responsibility



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- *Pray* for one another
- *Love* one another
- *Show hospitality* to one another
- *Serve* one another

Suffering & Sacrifice or Convenience?

Applications



- Pray for spiritual protection of the church's leadership.
- Ask the body, “How can I serve/pray for you?”
- Communicate your love for God and His church by doing the work of the ministry.