

Why International Pastor Training?

Why do pastors need more than a calling, their Bible and the help of the Holy Spirit to shepherd the flock? The Bride of Christ is being taken advantage of by untrained pastors. Their intentions may be good, but their inability to rightly divide the Word of God and discern the voice of the Holy Spirit makes the church vulnerable. I have been grieved by this reality in God's church, His chosen vehicle for His glory, both here and abroad. It is 4TheWord's goal to be part of the solution at a foundational level by facilitating pastoral training.

Five Qualities of a Healthy Pastor

1

Calling

God calls and equips pastors to care for His church. The church without shepherds is vulnerable.

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Competency

But sheep will be devoured without competent pastors. Calling comes from God and competency is learned through maturity and growth as a pastor is trained and mentored.

3

Confidence

Shepherds are leaders. Pastors who have a clear sense of calling, and are competent to fulfill that calling, lead well.

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Community

Pastors absolutely need the Holy Spirit and necessarily need one another. A shepherd left to themselves will mislead and bring harm to the people of God.

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Covenant

All the above need to be undergirded by commitment, endurance, and perseverance. Leading sheep through the valleys of darkness and brokenness always comes with unforeseen challenges and heartache.



4TheWord exists to bring competency, confidence and community to called pastors and foster covenant commitment until Jesus returns.

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