**Darrell Nelson Ordination Sermon**

**Office of Bishop**

**4-25-21**

**I. The Man**

A. Man of God (I Tim. 6:11; II Tim. 3:17 > Dt. 33:1 [78x])

B. Elder: *presbuteros* [67x] > (Acts 20:17; I Tim. 5:17, 19; Tit. 1:5; Jam 5:14; I Pet. 5:1; Rev. 4:4).

C. Bishop: *episkopos* [5x] > (Acts 20:28; Phil. 1:1; Tit. 1:7; I Pet. 2:25)

D. Star: *aster* (Rev. 1:16, 20; 2:1)

E. Angel: *angelos* (Rev. 1:20; 2:1, 8, 10)

F. Glory: *doxas* (II Pet. 2:10; Jude 1:8)

G. Pastor: *poimen* (Eph. 4:11; cf. Jn. 10:11-14)

**II. The Measurement**

A. The Desire (I Tim. 3:1)

1. Preparation (*orego*) > aspire through preparation life, family, knowledge, experience, & $$.

2. Passion (*epithumeo*) > burning in heart

B. The Details (I Tim. 3:2-7; Tit. 1:6-9)

1. Personal Life: blameless (v. 2)

2. Moral Life: husband of one wife (v. 2)

3. Mental Life: vigilant, sober, of good behaviour (v. 2)

4. Social Life: given to hospitality, no wine, no striker, not greedy, patient, not brawler, not covetous (2-3)

5. Domestic Life: children (pl.) in subjection, not unruly or riotous (4-5)

6. Service Life: not novice (v. 6)

7. Public Life: good report (v. 7)

**III. The Ministry**:

A. Feed the flock (Acts 6:4; I Pet. 5:1)

B. Pray for flock (Eph. 1:16)

C. Present the flock (Eph. 5:27 > vv. 18-21; Heb. 13:17)

**IV. The Mission**

A. Leading—Yes > Heb. 13:7

B. Lording—No > I Pet. 5:2-3

1. Professionalism—not a job (v. 2)

2. Materialism—not for money (v. 2)

3. Authoritarianism—not to control members (v. 3)

**V. The Mastery**

A. Exegete the Word (II Tim. 2:15; cf. Neh. 8:8 [C.I.A.])

B. Expound the Word (Jer. 26:2; II Tim. 4:2-5)

**VI. The Myths**

A. Perfect Pastor (I Thes. 5:12-15 > avoid criticism [I Tim. 5:19 > Num. 12:1 ff.])

B. Perfect Wife (Eph. 5:22 > Gen. 2:20)

C. Perfect Children (Eph. 6:1-3)

**VII. The Means**

A. Priority—first missionary; not a building or property (I Cor. 9:1-12; I Tim. 5:17-18)

B. Provision—sufficient to *“live of the Gospel” (*I Cor. 9:13-14)