

PASTORS VERSUS CEOs MATTHEWA.DANIEL.

Pastors are individuals that look after members of the local church. Pastors are part of the ministry gifts given to help the church ready for the second coming of Christ. They have been compared to the nature of a shepherd which is one of the endearing attributes of Jesus. A shepherd gives an accurate depiction of a pastor; loves the sheep and will even give his life for them, spends time with them, feeds them, water them, nurture them and keeps them safe from harm. Another unique aspect to a shepherd is that the sheep recognises his voice and respond to it.

Jesus the shepherd

He shared his vision, poured into his disciples, empowered them and gave them a task when he left.

CEOs are the bosses of organisations responsible for overall running of operations. They oversee systems, personnel, workflow outputs, performance indicators, service impact and most importantly profit margins. Many of the pastors of large congregations have transitioned into this role. The economic business units of some churches have justified the need for this role.

Jesus the CEO

Jesus built a support base and spent time building the disciples and then he chose the seventy. Jesus had an accountant (Judas). When the time was right, he empowered them and gave them a lofty task. The success of that operation is still expanding 2000 years after his death across the Globe.

Superstar Pastors/CEOs

This is the new hybrid in the church of the living God. The landscape is now littered with suave individuals who carefully manage their public image using combination of motiva-

tion and soul stirring techniques to deceive the gullible. They quickly defraud these individuals of their money and build an empire to glorify them. They engage in mindless countless programs which are billed to keep the hook in and use divisive tactics to keep them from rebelling, fear tactics to keep them under con-

“These hybrids do not raise people to help pastor the flock; they raise tyrants who will help perpetuate the status quo.”

trol and placating some with gifts to keep them quiet. Some even meddle in the sacred institution of marriage coming between husbands and wives. The obvious sign of a hybrid is that if you take them out of their organisation, it will die. Jesus is never at the centre though they profess to know him.

Un-Pastored generation

We now have a generation mostly un-pastored as they belong to entertainment centres called churches. They don't know what it means to commit to something and to be mentored. They go to a venue, listen to music, dance, and listen to an orator. Jesus doesn't have their heart and they do nothing to help build and



Word for the Month

“...What sorrow awaits you Shepherds who feed yourselves instead of your flocks. Shouldnt Shepherds feed their Sheep? “ Ezekiel 34:2.

preach the message which is the task at hand. Many of them jump churches at will and like a plant constantly uprooted, they eventually become spiritually dead.

Church of the living God

If you are a Pastor, watch over the soul of your sheep because you will answer to God someday. Ground them in the word of God and take care of them physically when you are in a position to do so. When your vision commences, make plans for to train people that can help you pastor the people so that when you become a CEO, the church will still be effectively pastored and there will be no need for you to put up a show to keep them coming. Shalom.

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