

## **Pastor – Teacher (Shepherding)**

### **Description:**

Persons with this gift nurture other Christians in the faith and provide mentoring relationships to those who are new to the faith. They take individuals under their care and walk with them on their spiritual journey.

### **Distinctives:**

#### People with this gift

- Take responsibility to nurture the whole person in their walk with God
- Provide guidance and oversight to a group of God's people
- Model with their faith what it means to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus
- Establish trust and confidence through long-term relationships
- Lead and protect those within their span of care.

#### Traits:

- Influencing
- Protective
- Nurturing
- Supportive
- Guiding
- Relational
- Discipling

#### Cautions:

- Should remember that God judges those who neglect or abuse their oversight responsibilities
- Need to be aware the desire to feed and support others can make it difficult to say "no"
- Should realize that some of those being nurtured will grow beyond the shepherd's own ability and need to be freed to do so.

### **Biblical Examples:**

Ephesians 4:12

John 10:1-18

Peter 5: 1-4

### **Ministry Suggestions:**

Ministry Leader

Stephen Ministry

Disciple Bible Study Leader

Small Group Leader

Mothers of Preschoolers Mentor

Student Ministry Volunteer