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Tasks of the Lead Pastor

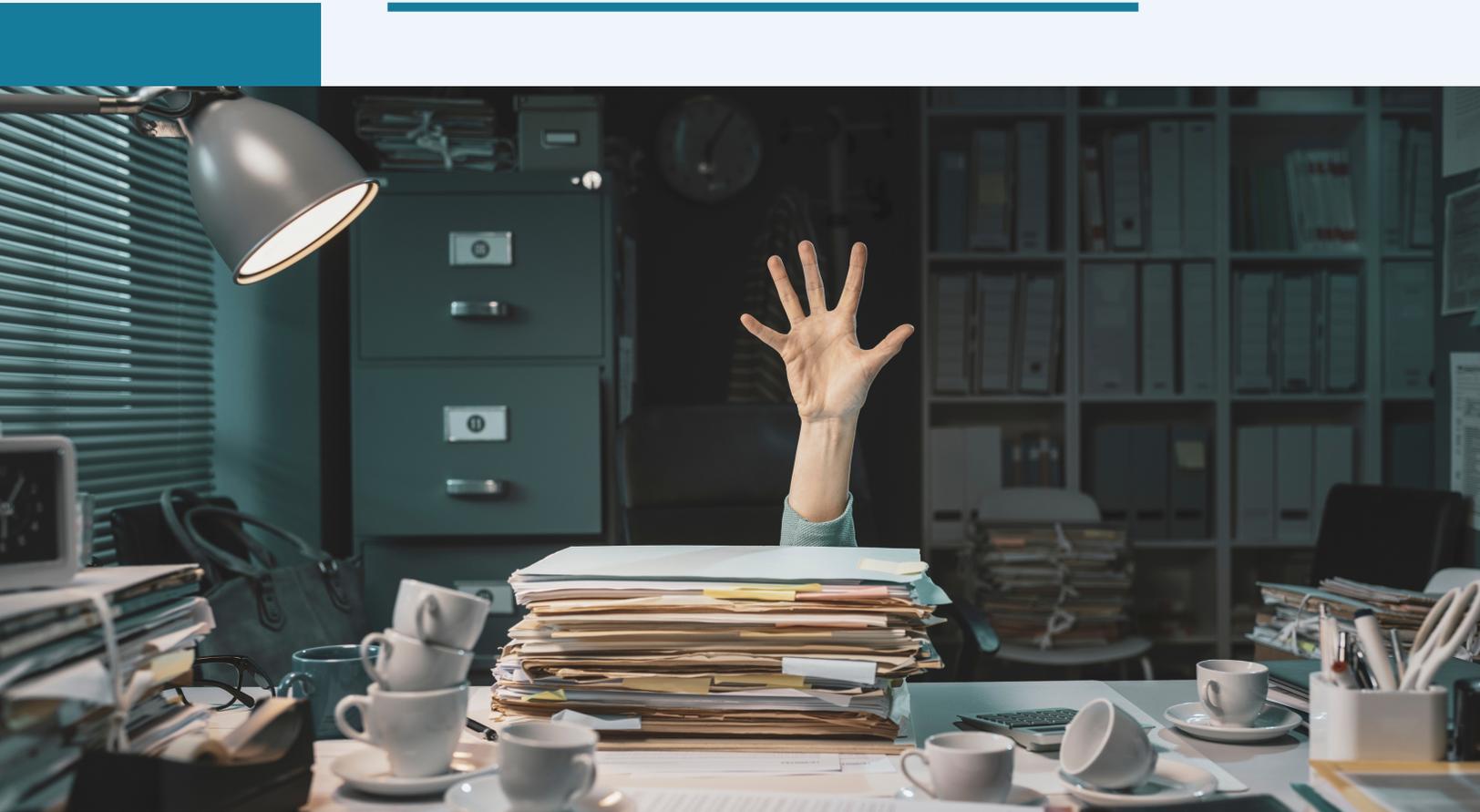
The Role Of the Lead Pastor



Once upon a time, back in the days of Christendom, the church was doing very well, thank you very much. "Everyone" went to church ... well, not *everyone*, but those who didn't knew they should be. There was no soccer practice on Sunday mornings and virtually every store was closed, at least until after 12:30 (and even then, your options were limited). The church enjoyed a great reputation and the pastor's job was simple: lead worship, ensure there was programming for every age and stage, and visit the members who needed some attention. So long as the pastor took care of the members, the church would grow. Young families had children; children were raised in the church; youth went off to college but then came back home and got involved in the church; repeat. Oh, and when someone moved into town who'd been a member of Your Brand of church, they automatically visited and joined.

That was then ... like over 50 years ago. Today we have to contend with a culture that largely loathes church, distrusts clergy, and is suspicious of Christianity. Kids mostly don't go to church, but the majority of those who do, quit before they're out of high school and very few are returning. The sad reality is this: Last week, pretty much ***everyone who wanted to be in church was in church***, which means that to grow the church today, the pastor can't depend on biology, brand loyalty, or cultural favor. In fact, all the things a pastor used to do to grow a church simply don't work in today's culture. Great Preaching, Programming, and Pastoral Care don't cut it today.

In other words, the role of the Lead Pastor has changed – or needs to.



Just to be clear ...

" Ultimately, the pastor is responsible for 100% of everything that happens in their church "

But don't confuse being "responsible for" with "responsible to do." They're not the same.

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Job Description

There isn't an official Lead Pastor "job description" in the New Testament. However, there are two passages where we're offered some insights on how the early church perceived the Pastor's responsibilities.

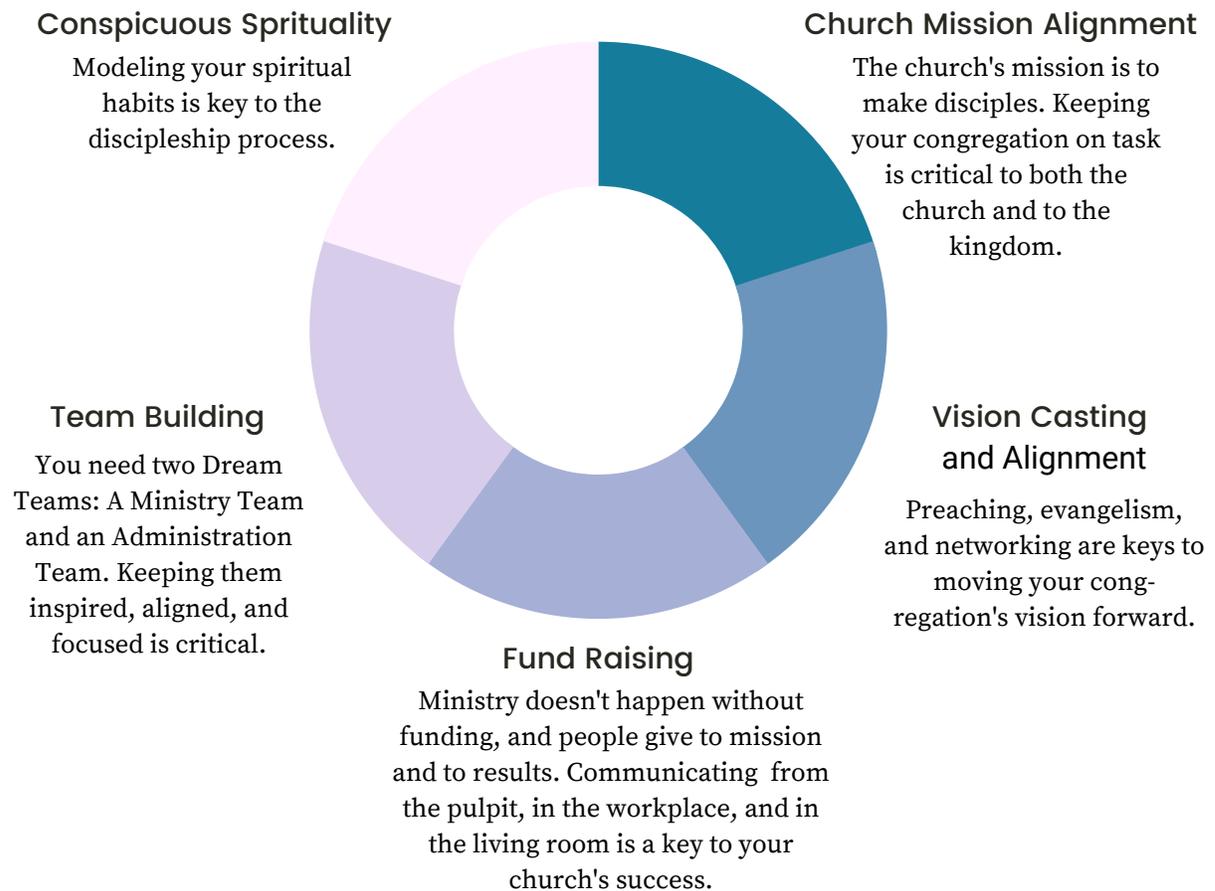
In the space below, jot down your reflections on the primary tasks of a pastor as outlined in the scriptures provided.

Acts 6:1–4

Ephesians 4:11–13

Five Tasks

Ultimately, there are only five tasks in a church that the pastor cannot give to anyone else.



Ultimately, each of these tasks are equally important to the health and growth of a church, however balance isn't the goal. One task or another will become a priority over others, depending on the season.



Review Your List

Biblically ...

Which tasks could you hand off?
Which tasks are you fully responsible for?

and what are you going to do about it?

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