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Pastor / Apostle

What is a Pastor?

A Shepherd or Overseer of the People.

Scripturally: One of the Five Ministry Gifts.

The Gift that is over the church.

What is an apostle?

A New Testament Overseer.

**Scripturally: a person who is sent to
spiritually establish.**

Both of those definitions speak of Authority.

- 1. To Shepherd, Oversee or Establish
someone or something.....**
- 2. To truly have a pastor, you must allow
them to have a certain amount of authority
in your life.....**
- 3. How much Authority?**

What do we mean by Authority?

Authority (Webster)

noun

- 1a: power to influence or command thought, opinion, or behavior b: freedom granted by one in authority :
- 2a: persons in command

Authority and Being Under Authority are scriptural.

- 1. The God-head.**
- 2. The Body / Church.**

Back to the question: What do we mean by Authority?

- 1. We are not in the shepherding movement approach.**
- 2. However, when it comes to the authority structure laid out by God - neither are we all equals with each other.**

Authority is Given. It is Not Taken.

- Matthew 10:1; 28:18.**
- We are giving Brad authority in:**
 - Mary and my life**
 - Both churches**

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#1) We are saying within reason: we submit to that.

#2) Should it go beyond what we consider reasonable, we can withdraw from being under that authority.

**Choosing the Authority over yourself -
Wisely.**

- Certain Criteria Involved.

1. Their supreme authority is:

a. The God-Head.

b. The Word.

2. They are of the same Belief / Doctrinal Persuasion.

3. They are under someone's Authority.

- 4. They are placed in the position by God.**
 - a. Remember: Authority is Given, it can't be taken.**
 - b. The Spirit will lead us to the one we.....**

What does: placed over us mean?

- 1. They have the right to speak into our lives.**
- 2. They have the right to be direct with what they see going on in our lives and point things out to us.**

3. They have the right to require some things of us, in our Christian life. (Things to do, and not to do)
4. They have the right to back away from us / cut ties with us if they are addressing some things in us that are not scriptural, and we are not heeding the corrections.
5. They are taking on the responsibility of helping us to over see our lives - and as a result, they will answer to God accordingly.

**To the overseer / the one being given the
Authority:**

It's more of a Responsibility than a Privilege.

**Why would God arrange an order of
authority like that?**

- For our protection.

How much authority do they have?

A. The amount of Authority that has been given to them.

B. And, as much / or as little as they are willing to assume responsibility for since they will answer to God for the Authority that was given, and what they did with it.

C. If we feel the Lord is saying that the person placed in authority over us is no correct for us, we have the right to withdraw from the authority.

- As long as the Holy Spirit agrees.

But it needs to be done in a way that confirms that we actually had given them authority in the first place.

**> I don't owe them anything attitude.
(Actually you do)**

> (Booklet) "How to Find and Leave a Church"

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"It's time to start switching over to Brad being directly over you. You are too exposed this way because no one is really watching you. Brad is able to do that much better than Jim at this point."