

Give yourself to reading, to meditation and prayer, See that you deliver all the counsel of God. Preach the gospel in the purity and simplicity of it; and teach not for doctrines the commandments of men. Let it be your great solicitude and diligent study to know the mind and will of Jesus Christ—to understand the scriptures of truth. Study the holy scriptures with an honest and impartial mind, without prejudice, desiring to know the truth. And let it be your sincere and earnest prayer to be led into the knowledge of the truth, as it is in Jesus. That you build up the church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ being the chief corner stone. Let it be your great concern to promote the interest of the Redeemer's kingdom, and the everlasting welfare of the souls of men. Feed Christ's sheep, and feed the lambs of his flock. Preach among your people the unsearchable riches of Christ. Study to shew yourself approved of God, a workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

You are to administer the ordinance of baptism to visible believers and their seed.

And you are to administer the sacrament of the Lord's-supper to all the professors of christianity, who are regular in their conversation, and are able to examine themselves so as to *discern the Lord's body*.

And you are to dispense the discipline of Christ's church according to his direction, with prudence and meekness, and with integrity and impartiality, fearing the face of no man, nor having any man's person in admiration because of advantage.