

Net Mending: The Church's Responsibility

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1. Net Mending is the Responsibility of Every Pastor – Ephesians 4:12
 - a. The Pastor is to equip the Saints –
 - i. For the work of Ministry
 - ii. For building up of the Body of Christ
 - b. The Pastor is to fully train his congregation – Luke 6:40
 - i. The Pastor is a coach
 - ii. He sees the problems in his team and prepares them to win.
 - c. The Pastor is a Net Mender of his congregation – Mark 1:19
 - i. His people are like fishing nets with holes
 - ii. Mended people, like nets, can fulfill what they were created to do
2. Net Mending is the Responsibility of Every Christian
 - a. Brothers should be involved in restoring brothers – Galatians 6:1-2
 - i. It is a brother-to-brother activity
 - ii. It is to be done lovingly and gently
 - iii. It is to be done with attentive diligence to one's self
 - b. Brothers should be involved in bearing the burden of another brother
 - i. It is the brother's responsibility to help others bear their burdens
 - ii. It is one way of fulfilling the Law of Christ – Luke 10:25-28
3. Net Mending is modeled in the Parable of the Good Samaritan
 - a. Jesus is describing a Good Neighbor – 29
 - b. Those who should have been the Good Neighbor – weren't – 31-32
 - c. The person you would never expect was the Good Neighbor – 36

Application to us:

We need to understand our Responsibility to Net Mend.

We need to study the Word and grow in our ability to Net Mend

We need to be a Good Neighbor, gently and lovingly engaging people who have spiritual holes.

Application today:

We need to obey what Jesus commanded, "Go and do likewise." (Luke 10:37)