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Paul!! Paul!! Paul!! Paul!!
Apollos! Apollos!
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paul

paul

oh ya?

Apollos!

ya!

Shortcuts in Pastoral Ministry

1Co 3:10-17



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1 Corinthians 3:9

For we are God's fellow workers.
You are God's field, God's building.



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1 Corinthians 3:10

According to the grace of God given to me,
like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation,
and someone else is building upon it.

Let each one take care how he builds upon it.



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1 Corinthians 3:11

For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid,
which is Jesus Christ.



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1 Corinthians 3:12

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Do you not know that you are God's temple
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If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him.
For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.



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Church people = Temple building



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Foundation = Jesus Christ



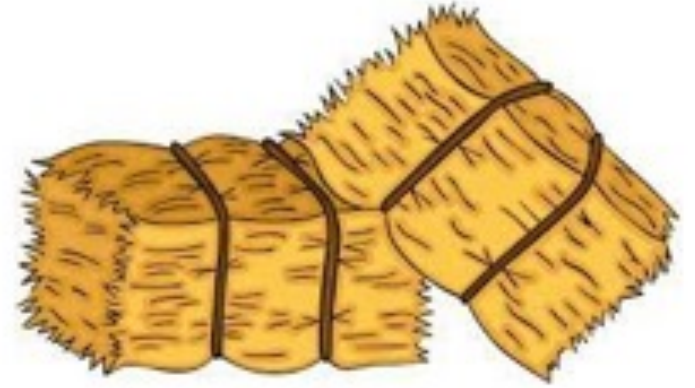
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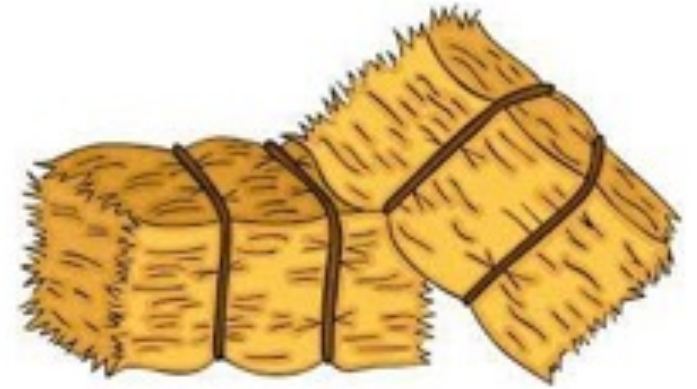


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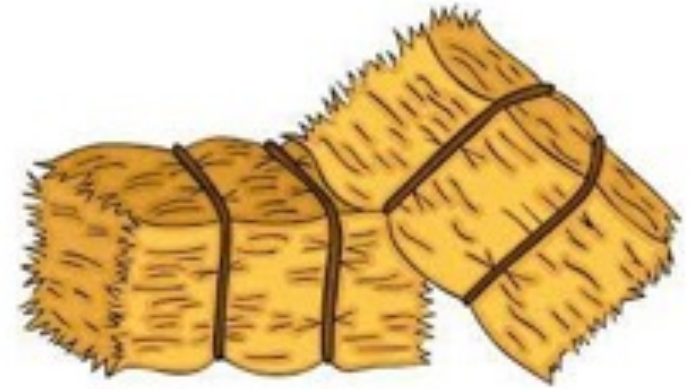
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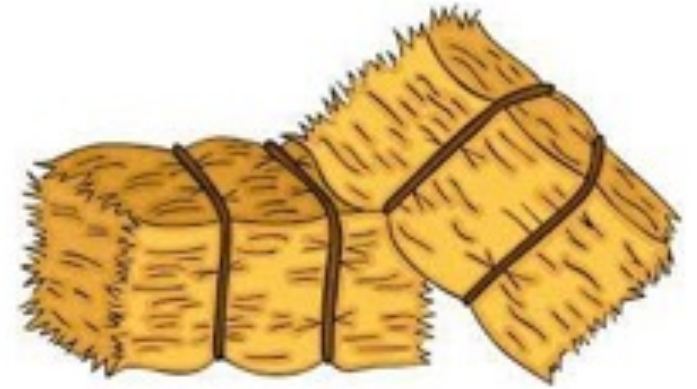




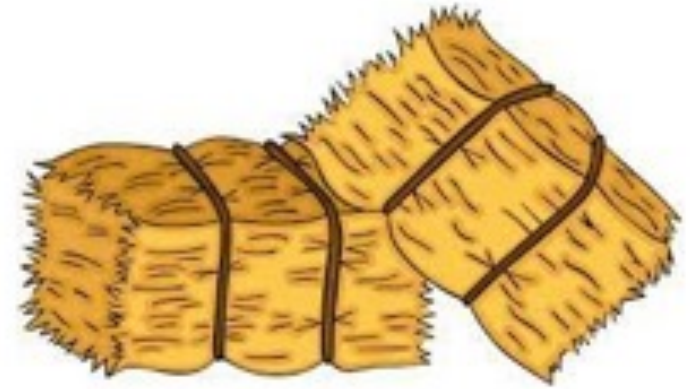
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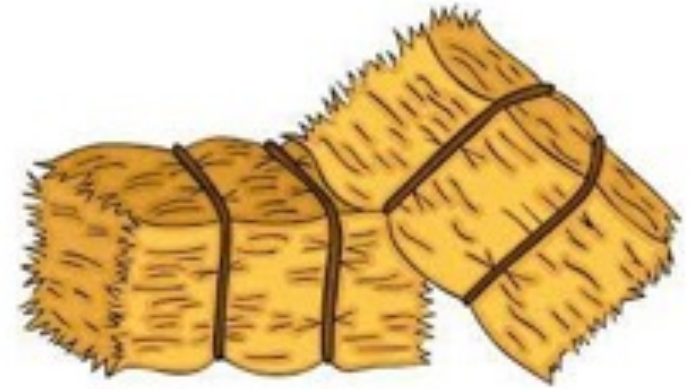


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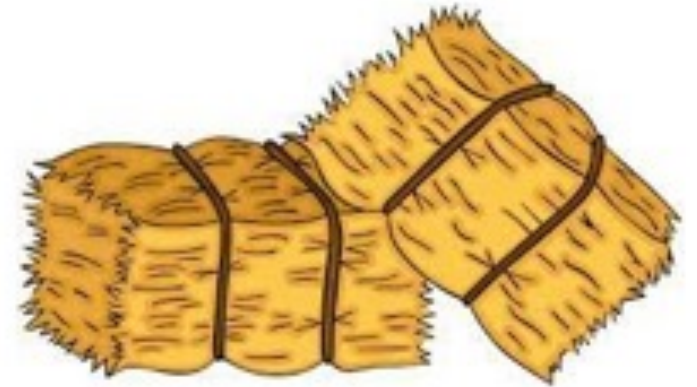
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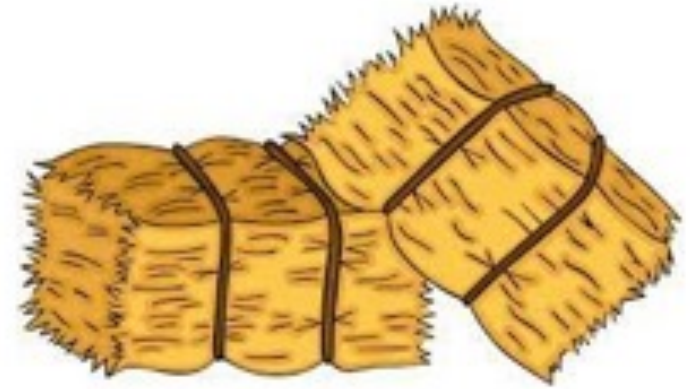
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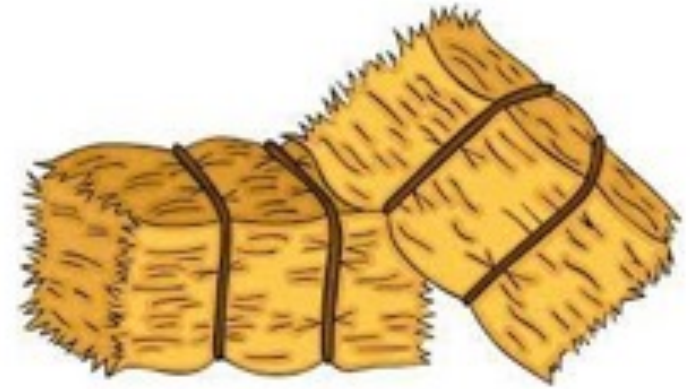
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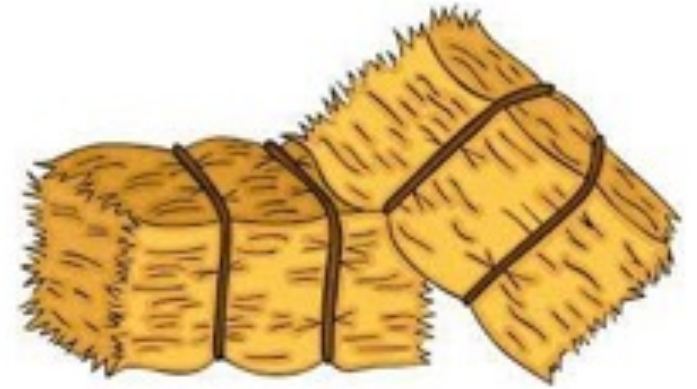
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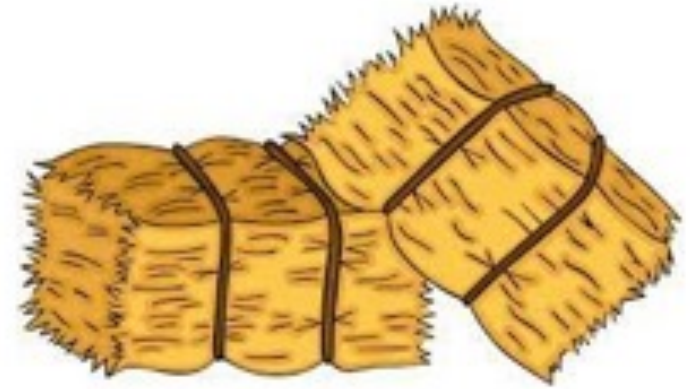
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1. The Work of the Pastoral Ministry

building a people of faith
with gospel-centred truth



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1 Corinthians 2:2

For I decided to know nothing among you
except Jesus Christ and him crucified...



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1 Corinthians 2:5

so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men
but in the **power of God.**



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Power of God



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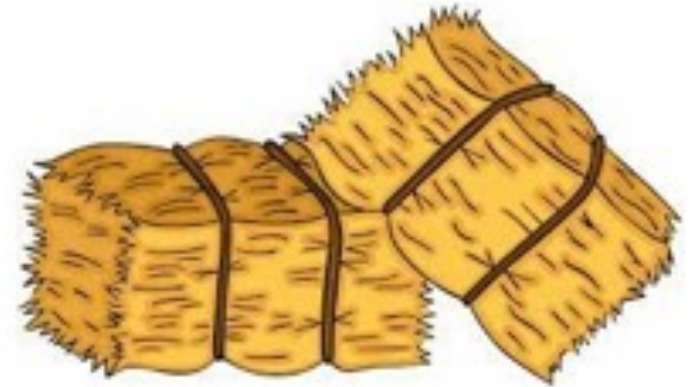
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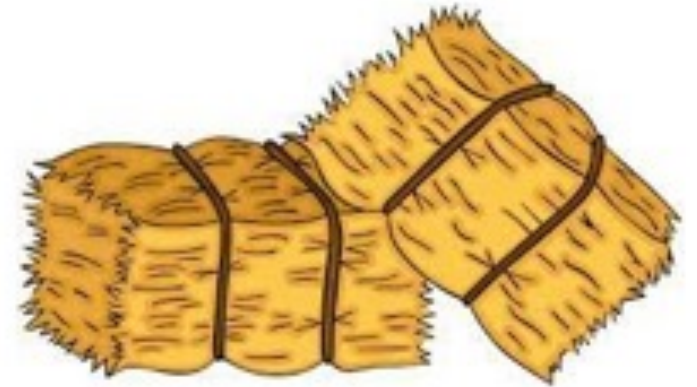
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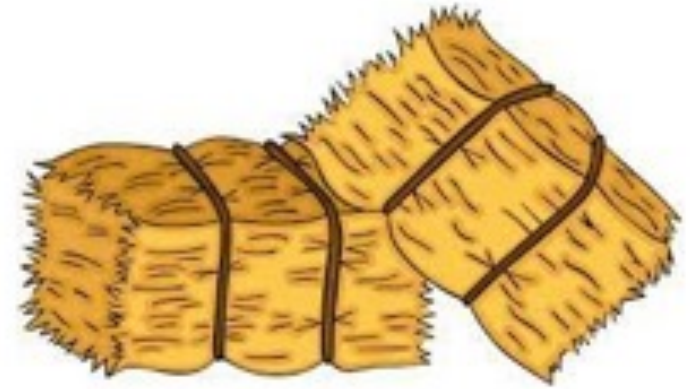
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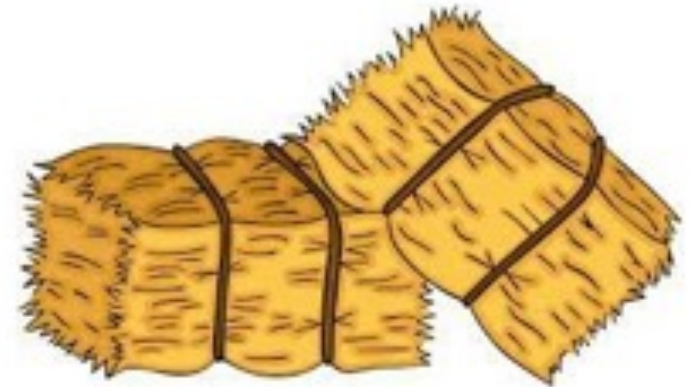
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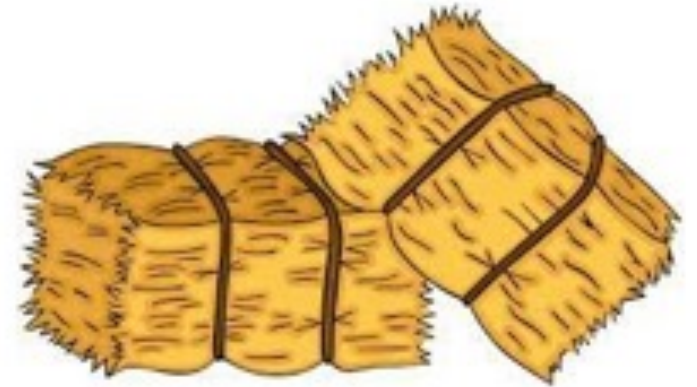
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Pragmatism:

We are tempted to design ministry simply by what appeals to people, and what “works”, rather than being shaped by the gospel itself.



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Nominalism:

We could be satisfied with nominal believers in our churches because they fill seats and make us look successful



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Traditionalism:

We could be inclined to rely upon traditions rather than seeking to see how the power of the gospel can be contextualised and applied in our day



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Moralism:

In our ever-present tendency towards self-righteousness, we can forget that what saves us is Christ alone, not our own compliance to moral standards.



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Experientialism:

Those who base their Christian life primarily on their subjective experiences rather than the truth of God in the gospel.



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Sensationalism:

A craving for spectacular experiences (even fake signs and wonders) to create a sense of intrigue, mysticism and credibility, rather than a faithful ministry of the gospel.



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Materialism:

Giving false promises of prosperity, vitality (& even fertility!) to draw in the crowds, rather than teaching that one must DENY oneself to follow Jesus.



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Activism:

Instead of being centred in the gospel ministry, we get distracted into political, social, or even doctrinal causes.



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3. The Weight of the Pastoral Ministry



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Hebrews 13:17

Obey your leaders and submit to them,
for they are keeping watch over your souls,
as those who will **have to give an account.**



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1 Peter 5:1–4

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder
and a witness of the sufferings of Christ,
as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed:



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1 Peter 5:1–4

shepherd the flock of God that is among you,
exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly,
as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly;



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not domineering over those in your charge,
but being examples to the flock.



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And when the chief Shepherd appears,
you will receive the unfading crown of glory.



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