

“I Will Build My Church”

Part 10 – Biblical Leadership

“Everything Rises and Falls with Leadership”

– John Maxwell

Biblical church leadership and a healthy response to that leadership, is absolutely necessary for the _____ of, _____ of, and the _____ of the local church.

The Bible clearly calls for a _____ of elders to lead the church. See Acts 14:23, 20:17, 1 Timothy 4:14

...the plurality of our elders always has been and always will be the leader of this church.

Elders are believers who are _____ by God, and _____ by God.

- **Ephesians 4:11:** *It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers...*

Acts 6:3 - *Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom.*

1 Timothy 3:9 - *They must keep hold of the **deep truths** of the faith with a clear conscience.*

Goals of the Preparation of God’s People: Ephesians 4:12-14

1. so that the body of Christ may be built up.
2. that we may all reach the unity of faith.
3. that we will become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.
4. so that we won’t be infants, blown all over the place by every wind and wave of heretical teaching

Duty of the Elders:

1. Prepare the flock –
 - **Ephesians 4:12** - *to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up*
2. Shepherd and exemplify – 1 Peter 5:1-3
3. Teach the flock – 1 Timothy 3:2, Titus 1:9,
4. Protect the flock – Acts 20:28-29, 2 Peter 2:1-3

Duty of the Flock:

1. We are to ...reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become _____, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. – Ephesians 4:13
 - We are NOT merely _____!
2. We are to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
3. Use what we learn for ministry.

Hebrews 13:7,17 - *Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith... 17 Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. 18 Pray for us.*

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 - *Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. 13 Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.*

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