

Leadership and the Office of Elder in God's Church

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- I. Introduction
- II. Pray
- III. Topics to consider this morning
 - A. Leadership structure
 - B. What the leaders do
 - C. Qualifications for elders
- IV. Structure
 - A. Proverbs 14:12
 - B. Why the members need to know this
 - C. Title of "Pastor"
 - D. Saints, Elders, Deacons
 - E. 1 Peter 5:2-4; 1 Peter 2:24-25 Jesus the Chief Pastor
- V. The 3 Greek words for the role of Elder (venn diagram)
 - A. Episkopos (Overseer)
 - B. Presbuteros (Elder)
 - C. Poimen (Shepherd or Pastor)
 - I. Ephesians 4:11
 - II. 1 Peter 2:24-25
 - III. 1 Peter 5:4
- VI. What the elders do
 - A. Not a clerical class
 - B. Council of equals
 - C. Teaching and Preaching the Word of God
 - I. Those gifted focus on teaching full time
 - II. 1 Tim 5:17-18
 - D. Protecting and Refuting falsehoods
 - I. Titus 1:9, Acts 20:29-30, 2 Peter 2:1
 - II. Example
 - E. Pray for church and be an example
 - I. Acts 6:4, James 5:14, 1 Peter 5:3
 - F. Appointing others- hold till end

VII. Qualifications

- A. I Timothy 3:1-7
- B. An overseer “must be” now
- C. Qualifications are: Aspiration, Character, Negative to avoid, Skill and Experience
- D. “A good and noble task”
- E. Desire
 - I. 1 Peter 5:2
 - II. How a church finds its elders
 - III. Those who have turned it down
- F. Above Reproach
- G. Examples of other qualities
 - i. “one woman man”
 - ii. Sober-minded I Peter 5:8
 - iii. Self-Controlled
 - iv. Not violent but gentle
 - v. Manages own household well
 - vi. Not a recent convert

VIII. Application

- A. Our elders
- B. Commissioning of others
 - i. Acts 6:6, Acts 13:3, 1 Tim 4:14, Titus 1:5, 1 Tim 5:22
 - ii. Rob

IX. Closing Prayer