



Christian Questions

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Dear Bro. Victor,

Thank you for writing us at Christian Questions Radio. You told us that you are a member of a Bible Student class with more than 100 brethren. Three elders and six deacons serve. You expressed concern that from your perspective the harvest and spiritual work was not being shared among "talented" brethren within the class due to what you believed was lack of communication among the elders and deacons. You said this situation deeply saddened you and you wanted to know how you might overcome the internal struggle you are having.

As with all Bible Student classes, elders and deacons are annually nominated and elected by consecrated class members. It is the responsibility of the class members to nominate brethren they consider best suited for the job of elder or deacon. If you and others are not satisfied with the performance of your present elders and deacons, you might consider nominating others to the positions when class elections come up. However, before you take that step, you might first want to ask your present elders and deacons why talented brethren are not being used in the harvest work. Perhaps the lack of participation has just been an oversight on their part. They may not be aware of the talents that specific brethren possess.

If, on the other hand, they do not deem it necessary to assign willing members to participate in the harvest work, that decision in no way stops one from doing individual witnessing, such as passing out tracts or CDs of past talks, etc. or from spiritually supporting brethren around the world through the Internet who are struggling with persecution, health issues, or loss of loved ones. If you are sincere and willing to persevere, the Lord will bless you in ways you may not yet be aware of. He may even open a door for a specific service in the future.

If you are struggling with negative feelings in regard to your elders and deacons, you need to pray to the Lord to give you strength to overcome these feelings. Negative feelings are not from God. These feelings often lead to dissent and separation. It is important to remember that we are all members of the one Body of Christ and, as such, we need to build each other up "until we reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." (Ephesians 4:13)

We hope we have helped you with your struggle. Be sure to sign up for CQ Rewind





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Sincerely,

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