

# Fundamentals Of The Church

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## Man's Role In The Church

(I Ti 2:8)

### INTRODUCTION

1. Good Morning
  - a. Greeting...
2. Series of lessons on "Fundamentals Of The Church"
  - a. Specifically lately on the family.
  - b. This morning we are going to divert a bit from the "family" aspect as we did before the "mothers" sermon and look at the "Man's Role In The Church."
3. Man and his role.
  - a. We often in the church talk about the role of women. This is due to the total lack of knowledge in regards to it usually speaking however we don't hear as much as we should the "man's role."
  - b. This has lead to some lack luster men in the church today to say the least.
4. So let us this morning examine this topic of great importance.

### I. Men Are To Be The Leaders Of The Church

- A. Men have authority over the women thus they are the leaders.
  1. **I Co 11:3** "But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God."
  2. **I Ti 2:12** "And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence."
- B. So what does that mean for men in the congregation specifically?
  1. It means they are to be elders the shepherds of a congregation.
    - i. **I Ti 3:1** "This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work."
  2. It means they are to be deacons the servants of a congregation.
    - i. **I Ti 3:12** "Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well."
  3. It means they are to be preachers.
    - i. **Ro 10:14-15** "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!""
      - a. Though we can all be "preachers" to some extent and should be (**Mt 28:19-20**) only men are to be the public preachers where men & women are assembled together (**I Co 14:34-35**).

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4. They are to be song leaders.
  - i. **I Co 14:26** "How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification."
  - ii. **Ep 5:19** "speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord"
    - a. The scripture implies if we are to sing together and it must be done in an organized fashion (**I Co 14:40**), we must have a leader. Thus where men & women are present men are to be the song leaders.
5. They are to be the leaders of the prayers.
  - i. **I Ti 2:8** "I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting"
    - a. Contextually speaking this is not dealing with only the collective assembly but it is a clear indication of God's desire where men & women are together.
    - b. Thus every time there is a prayer lead and a man is present he should lead it.
6. They are to be the teachers/leaders of a study where men of accountability are found.
  - i. **I Ti 2:12** "And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence."
    - a. This does not mean that women cannot teach a man it simply means that they are not to teach a man while having authority over him.
    - b. We see this as being the case because women are to teach men (**Co 3:16**) and we even have examples of this (**Ac 18:26**).
    - c. Thus when a teacher is in the authority position like in a Bible Class or the like than a man is to be teaching if men of the age of accountability are there.

## II. Men Ought To Be Aspiring To Be Leaders In The Church

- A. Here is where the church has failed miserably in just about every congregation I have ever seen or attended.
  1. Old & young men alike ought to be putting as their top goals in life to be leaders of a congregation in the areas we have seen above.
- B. We need elder training for men
  1. Every congregation should be training the next generation to be elders.
    - i. Parents should be encouraging & training their boys to be elders one day.
- C. We need deacon training for men.
  1. Every congregation should be training the next generation to be deacons.
    - i. Parents there is nothing wrong with training your boys to be deacons one day as well.

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- D. We need preacher training for men.
  - 1. Every congregation should be training the next generation to be preachers.
    - i. Parents it is not bad or wrong to train your boys to desire to be preachers.
- E. What we need in every single congregation of the Lord's church is leadership training classes and every man should be evolved with it.
  - 1. Men we are to teach and thus train the next generation to be leaders.
    - i. **II Ti 2:2** "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."
  - 2. It is no one else's responsibility but the congregations.
    - i. Are preaching schools good...of course.
    - ii. However they are pointless if parents & congregations are not cultivating generation after generation of desires to be such & the same can be said of eldership or deacon schools.

## CONCLUSION

- 1. Men as we close on our responsibilities in the church as leaders of it I'm reminded of what David Herold Fink once said, "People are more easily led than driven."  
(<http://tinyurl.com/5rpsw2l>)
  - a. Men let us be the leaders that are out front leading.
- 2. Invitation
  - a. God's Plan of Salvation
    - i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
    - ii. Believe Jesus Is The Christ **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
    - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
    - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
    - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
    - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**