

ELDERS DEACONS PREACHERS SAINTS

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Elders, Deacons, Preachers, Saints

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This series describes in detail the various biblical leadership roles in the church and examines how these can be exercised in order to promote individual as well as the corporate growth of the church.



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1. Introduction to Leadership Roles

Church growth is tied to church leadership. In this introductory lesson, the various Biblical roles of leadership are identified and compared to one another.

Introduction - Good leadership is vital to church growth.

Matthew 10:24-25 _____

When leaders grow, the church grows. _____

Roles in Ministry - Ephesians 4:10-12

Vs. 10 _____

Vs. 11 _____

Vs. 12 _____

Apostles

Prophets

Evangelist/Preacher

Pastor/Teacher

Deacon

What's the Difference?

Mark 10:42-45

Ephesians 4:10-13

Differences:

Responsibility

Task _____

Qualification _____

Deacons _____

Evangelists _____

Elders _____

Aptitudes _____

Romans 12:4-8 _____

Appointment

Acts 6 _____

Acts 13:3; I Timothy 4:14 _____

Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5 _____

Summary

Good leadership = _____ Leadership = Church _____

2. Church Leadership

This lesson examines the Biblical model for church leadership and how these leaders are to relate to the congregation.

Introduction - Review

All roles in the church have specific functions based on:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Church Leadership

The New Testament pattern for leadership:

The head or leader is _____

Ephesians 4:4 _____

Matthew 28:18 _____

Jesus expresses leadership in two ways:

1. _____

John 12:48 _____

II Timothy 3:15-16 _____

2. _____

Acts 2:38 _____

The Spirit also leads: _____

Acts 16:6 _____

Romans 8:26 _____

Romans 8:10-11 _____

The responsibility to exercise leadership of the Lord in the local assembly
belongs to the _____.

Acts 14:23 _____

Titus 1:5 _____

The words used denote leadership:

Pastor/Shepherd – Acts 20:28 _____

Bishop/Overseer – Acts 20:28 _____

Elder/Presbyter – Acts 20:17 _____

The Holy Spirit also says that we must:

I Thessalonians 5:12-13 _____

Hebrews 13:17 _____

Emphasis on leadership, why?

The Bible teaches _____

Acts 15:1-5; 22 _____

Guard against _____

James 5:14-15 _____

The church can grow using man-made methods but _____

Challenge _____

I'm specifically challenging 3 groups:

A. The _____

B. The _____

C. Those _____

These lessons are meant to _____

3. Elders: Character Profile

Aside from the specific Biblical qualifications necessary for a man to serve as an elder in the church, this person also needs to possess certain character traits that will identify him as a worthy candidate. This lesson reviews seven of these traits.

Introduction - Review core ideas so far:

These are specific _____ based on:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Church leadership rests with _____

This series is not just an _____

General Characteristics of Elders

Elders Accept _____

II Timothy 3:15-16 _____

Elders Love _____

Ephesians 5:25 _____

Elders Know _____

Romans 12:1-2 _____

Elders Work _____

I Corinthians 3:5-9 _____

Elders Know _____

Acts 15:4-6; 22-23 _____

Acts 6 _____

I Timothy 4:14 _____

Romans 14:9 _____

Elders are _____

Elders are _____

Acts 20:36-38 _____

Summary

Our elders are such men. _____

4. Elders: Specific Qualifications

In this lesson, we go from general characteristics to specific qualifications of Elders.

Introduction

General Characteristics:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Specific Qualifications

Cultural vs. Eternal

CULTURAL

ETERNAL



Qualifications - I Timothy 3:1-7

Vs. 1 _____

Vs. 2-7

Above reproach _____

Husband of one wife _____

Temperate _____

Prudent _____

Respectable _____

Hospitable _____

Able to teach _____

Not addicted _____

Not Pugnacious _____

Gentle and Uncontentious _____

Free from the love of money _____

Manages household well _____

Not a new convert _____

Good reputation _____

Qualifications - Titus 1:5-9

Vs. 5 _____

Vs. 6-9 _____

Above reproach _____

Husband of one wife _____

Believing children _____

Above reproach _____

Not self-willed, quick tempered, addicted to wine, pugnacious, fond of sordid gain. _____

Hospitable _____

Loves what is good _____

Sensible _____

Just _____

Devout _____

Self-controlled _____

Holds fast to the Word _____

Summary

Qualifying the qualifications:

They are eternal but _____

They are mostly _____

They provide _____

5. The Work of the Elder

This lesson examines not only the work done by Elders but provides a systematic way of gathering this and other information about various topics in the New Testament.

Introduction - Elders

Exercise _____

Are _____

Have general and specific _____

Elders' qualifications are:

Eternal but not _____

Subjective _____

They are a _____

The Work of an Elder

Direct Command

Acts 20:28-31 _____

Vs. 32 _____

Vs. 33-35 _____

Paul says that the main work of the elders is threefold:

Protect _____

Promote _____

Provide _____

I Peter 5:1-3 _____

Many crowns in the New Testament

_____ I Corinthians 9:25

_____ I Thessalonians 2:19

_____ II Timothy 4:8

_____ James 1:2

_____ Revelation 12:1

_____ Revelation 14:14

I Peter 5:5a _____

Example: _____

Work of an elder:

Acts 11:29 _____

Acts 15:2 _____

Acts 21:18 _____

I Timothy 4:14 _____

I Timothy 3:2; 5:17 _____

James 5:14 _____

Necessary Inference

Through necessary inference we learn that elders:

Served in _____

We appointed _____

Summary

6. Appointing Elders

In this lesson, we review the few passages that shed light on how elders should be selected, and look at passages that describe the elders' wives.

Introduction - Review

Elders have specific roles. _____

General teaching about elders:

Jesus is _____

Elders possess _____

Main work of elders:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Appointing Elders

Acts 14:23 _____

Titus 1:5 _____

From these passages we see that:

1. _____

2. _____

The Wife of an Elder

I Timothy 3:11 _____

Titus 2:3-5a

Their conduct is _____

Two things you _____ in elders' wives.

Not _____

Not _____

Things you _____ in elders' wives.

Teach _____

Things they know and do:

A. Love _____

B. Sensible and _____

C. _____
_____ at home.

D. _____ and _____

E. _____ to husbands.

Titus 2:5b _____

An (Elder) woman is one who:

7. The Role and Work of Deacons – Part 1

In this two-part lesson Mike will discuss the Biblical profile of the man who is qualified to serve as Deacon and the nature of his work as well as the limit of his authority.

Introduction – Review - Elders

Deacon - Word Meaning

Diakonos

Bondslaves

Boy Slaves

Domestics

Subordinate Officials

Deacon

Luke 10:40

Acts 6

Romans 13:4

Romans 16:1 _____

First Deacons

Acts 6:1-6 _____

Basic criteria for deacons:

Limited number _____

Selected _____

Men _____

Have charge _____

Task _____

Qualified _____

Good _____

Full _____

Full _____

Different _____

Appointed _____

Philippians 1:1 _____

Summary - Deacons

Men who are _____

Selected by _____

Leadership and authority _____

No Deacons without _____

Have no authority as _____

8. The Role and Work of Deacons – Part 2

In this lesson we review the role deacons play in the church and also examine I Timothy 3:8-13 which gives some of the qualifications necessary to be considered for the role.

Introduction - Review

There were men who _____

They were spiritual and _____

They were approved _____

They held no _____

You could have _____

I Timothy 3:8-13

Acts 6:1-6 _____

Philippians 1:1 _____

I Timothy 3:8-13 _____

Vs. 1-7 _____

Vs. 8 - Must _____

- Dignity _____

- Double-tongued _____
- Much wine _____
- Fond of sordid gain _____

Vs. 9 - The mystery of faith _____

Vs. 10 - Proven abilities and service _____

Vs. 11 _____

Arguments for women deacons:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Arguments against women deacons:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Women Serving:

Luke 8 _____

Acts 1 _____

Acts 9 _____

Acts 12 _____

Acts 16 _____

Acts 18 _____

Romans 16 _____

The point is that:

All Christians _____

Some Christians _____

Vs. 11 - Dignified _____

- Not Malicious Gossips _____

- Temperate _____

- Faithful _____

Vs. 12 _____

Only one position is absolutely biblical _____

Summary

1. Deacons are servants _____

2. Although women served _____

3. The New Testament does not prohibit _____

Good News

9. The Laying on of Hands

In this lesson Mike will discuss the symbolism and practice of the laying on of hands from both the Old and New Testament perspective.

Introduction - Review

Elders _____

Deacons _____

Husband of one wife _____

Deaconess _____

The Laying on of Hands

Hand Symbolism - Old Testament

Dropping - Exodus 17:10-13 _____

Lifting _____

Placing - Genesis 24:9 _____

Washing - Deuteronomy 21:6 _____

Jacob _____

Levites _____

Worshippers _____

Hand Symbolism - New Testament

Healing - Acts 9:12; Acts 28:8 _____

Blessing - Matthew 19:13 _____

Praying - I Timothy 2:8 _____

Miracles - Acts 8:14-17 _____

Ordination - Acts 13; II Timothy 1:6 _____

Do we lay on hands today?

Healing _____

Blessing _____

Praying _____

Miracles _____

Ordination _____

Summary

Progress in church work means:

We use _____

Our worship place _____

Our education program _____

Our ministry staff _____

Some things don't change:

The Bible _____

New Testament Christianity _____

People over _____

Soulwinning _____

10. The Selection Process

In this practical lesson, Mike reviews the process that the church can use to select, confirm and appoint deacons and elders in the local congregation.

Introduction - These lessons are given to prepare a congregation to select and commend men into service as deacons and elders.

Deacons

Qualifications

They must have these to a _____ degree not a _____ degree.

Selection - Acts 6 - 3 Steps

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Use Deacon Worksheet to review qualifications. The general process:

Look _____

List _____

Commend _____

Elders

Qualifications

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Work of Elders

Protect _____

Promote _____

Provide _____

Difference between elders and deacons is _____

Selecting Elders – Three Major views:

Only evangelist _____

Church and Elders _____

Elders and Evangelist _____

Why?

New Testament example _____

Includes congregation in the process _____

Based on Scripture alone _____

Use the Elder Worksheet to review candidates

Fasting?

Did _____

Didn't _____

Don't Know _____

ELDER SELECTION WORKSHEET

NAMES OF MEN SUBMITTED

Please study I Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9 carefully and prayerfully; then use the following checklist to confirm if the following persons may be qualified to serve as an elder.

MUST BE:

Without Reproach: Blameless					
Husband of Only One Wife					
Ruler of His Own House					
Father of Believing Children, and are Subject to Him					
Given to Hospitality					
A Lover of Good Men					
Apt to Teach: Able to Exhort and Convict					
Temperate: Self-Controlled					
Sober-Minded					
Orderly					
Just					
Holy					
Faithful to the Word					
Gentle					
Good Reputation					

MUST NOT BE:

A Brawler					
A Striker: Soon Angry					
Contentious: Self-Willed					
A Lover of Money: Greedy of Worldly or Dishonest Gain					
A Novice (Without Experience)					

Put A ✓ If He Qualifies

Put A ? If You Don't Know

Put An X If He Does Not Qualify

YOUR NAME: _____

DEACON SELECTION WORKSHEET

NAMES OF MEN SUBMITTED

Please study I Timothy 3:8-11 carefully and prayerfully; then use this checklist to suggest who might be qualified to serve as a deacon.

MUST BE:

Man of Dignity (Grave, Serious-Minded)									
Not Double Tongued (Two-Faced or Deceitful)									
Not Addicted to Much Wine									
Not Fond of Sordid Gain (Not Greedy of Base Gain)									
Possessing a Faith with a Clear Conscience									
One who has been Tested (By time, Activities, and God's Word)									
Beyond Reproach (Doctrine, Morals and Character)									
Husband of Only One Wife									
Good Manager, Both of Household and Children									
Wife who is Dignified, Temperate, Faithful and not a Gossip									

Put A ✓ If He Qualifies

Put A ? If You Don't Know

Put An X If He Does Not Qualify

YOUR NAME: _____

11. The Role of the Preacher

This lesson compares the many modern views of the minister to the Biblical description of the role, qualifications and work of a local evangelist.

Introduction - Preacher models

Pulpiteer _____

Educator _____

Program Director _____

Activist _____

Manager/CEO _____

Resident Theologian _____

Pastor _____

Terms used for Preachers

Minister _____

Preacher _____

Evangelist _____

All terms refer to the preacher:

Minister _____

Preacher _____

Evangelist _____

Qualifications

Elders/Deacons = Lists of qualifications

Preachers _____

Acts 8:4 _____

Acts 8:12-17; 26 _____

Acts 21:9 _____

Acts 13:1 _____

Acts 16:2 _____

Titus 1:1 _____

Acts 18:28 _____

I Corinthians 3:6 _____

These preachers had common experiences:

They felt _____

They were _____

They were _____

The Work of a Preacher

Preach - II Timothy 4:2 _____

Set - Titus 1:5 _____

Minister - Titus 2:1 _____

The churches response should be:

A. _____

B. _____

12. The Role of Women in Ministry

This lesson explores the role of women in ministry and compares the arguments for their participation in full or limited ministry.

Introduction - Debate about women's roles in the church is an old one. (I Corinthians 11; 14)

1892 _____

1974 _____

1980-1990 _____

Women in Ministry

Full Ministry _____

Limited Ministry _____

Debate

Full Ministry

Cultural argument _____

Phoebe Argument – Romans 16:1 _____

Equal Argument – Galatians 3:26 _____

Example Argument _____

Limited Ministry

Cultural Argument _____

Inspiration not culture – II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20-21

I Corinthians 11:3 _____

I Corinthians 14:34 _____

Ephesians 5:23 _____

Ephesians 6:1 _____

I Timothy 2:12-13 _____

Phoebe

Word used to describe her is a common one used to describe any servant.

Equal

Equal value before God

Example of women in leadership.

Summary

Women in Ministry

Ministry to _____

Ministry to _____

Ministry to _____

Ministry to _____

Ministry to _____

Ministry to _____

Ministry to _____

Appeal to Women in Christ

Accept _____

Exercise _____

Realize _____

13. Who are the Saints?

This final lesson in the series compares the Biblical description of a saint to popular misconceptions of who and what this person should be.

Introduction - Saints is a generic term

Qualifications

Roman Catholic Church _____

Brother Andre _____

Mother Teresa _____

Old Testament Meaning _____

New Testament Meaning _____

Romans 15:26 _____

I Corinthians 1:2 _____

4 Things About Saints:

1. They were the _____ of God in Corinth.

I Cor. 6:9-11 _____

2. They were _____ in Christ Jesus.

3. They were _____ by calling.

4. They were _____ by faith in Christ.

Responsibilities of Saints

All saints need to be _____ - Revelation 2:10

Philippians 2:12 _____

All saints are to be _____ - I Peter 1:15

A. The greatest honor saints bring to God is _____

B. When Jesus comes a second time _____

Holiness requires us to go against the grain in this life:

Honor God in worship _____

Honor God in purity _____

Honor God in giving _____

What makes a saint Holy is _____

Summary

We must answer 2 questions:

1. Are we _____ ?

2. Are we _____ like Saints?

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