

Leadership in the Church

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Three questions that will help us understand leadership in the Church:

I. How is leadership _____ in our church?

Colossians 1:17-18 NIV84 For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. ¹⁸ He is before all things and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church.

A. Elders are called to _____ the Church.
1 Timothy 5:17 (NIV) The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.

B. Elders are instructed to lead in _____.
Titus 1:5; Acts 14:23; Philippians 1:1

C. Elders are constrained by _____ roles.

II. What are leadership _____ in our church?

A. Leaders are qualified by _____ not by degree or gifting.
Timothy 3:1-7;; Titus 1:5-9; Hebrews 13:7, 17
Acts 4:13 NIV When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

B. Leaders must have proper _____.
1 Timothy 3:1; Jeremiah 45:5; 1 Peter 5:6

III. What does leadership _____ in our church?

- A. Leaders are expected to be _____.**
Luke 9:46-48; Matt 20:20-28 ; Matt 20:20; John 13:1-17
- B. Leaders are expected to be _____.**
Acts 20:28 NIV Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.
1 Peter 5:1-4 ESV So I exhort the elders among you... **2 shepherd** the **flock** of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; **3** not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the **flock**. **4** And when the **chief Shepherd** appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

IV. Conclusion: We need more godly _____ in our church!

- A. Jesus _____ & loves His Church ... Do You?**
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Discussion Questions:

1. What part of this message encouraged you the most?
2. What did you learn from this message about leadership in the Church?
3. What surprised you or challenged you?
4. Why do you think it's sometimes hard for people to trust leadership in the Church?
5. Discuss the difference between character-based leadership vs. degree-based leadership.

Resources:

"Core Values Paper" PDF
http://www.experiencetherock.com/wp-content/themes/trc/docs/M28_CORE_VALUES_final.pdf

"Revolutionary" (1 Timothy 2:8-15)
Josh Whitney, September 29 & 30, 2018 <https://vimeo.com/292619956>

"Biblical Eldership: An Urgent Call To Restore Biblical Church Leadership."
Alexander Strauch, 1997
ISBN #0936083131