

Biblical Church Leadership

- Biblical Church Essentials:
 - A High View of God
 - The Centrality of Christ
 - The Scripture is Exalted

- “You have exalted above all things Your Name and Your Word” - Psalm 138: 2

- Deacons’ Vision Statement:
 - “...To be Biblically structured...”

- It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastor/teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.
-Ephesians 4: 11-13

- Plural “Elders” in each church:
 - In Lystra, Iconium and Antioch...

- “Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust.” -Acts 14: 23

- Instructions to Titus:
 - “The reason I left you in Crete was that you might straighten out what was left unfinished and appoint elders in **every** town, as I directed you.” -Titus 1: 5

- Special Prayer
 - “Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord,” -James 5: 14

- Elders’ Responsibilities
 - to rule, govern, oversee and manage the workings and members of the church
 - to oversee and manage Deacons & committees
 - to “shepherd” or “pastor” the church
 - teaching (& preaching) God’s Word
 - overseeing all aspects of worship
 - examining prospective members & officers

- “The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching” -1 Timothy 5: 17

- To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. -1 Peter 5: 1-5
- Deacons' Responsibilities
 - advise, assist Elders in ministry of Word
 - assisting in watch & care of members
 - administering funds to help the needy
 - greeting and welcoming ministries
 - assisting & administering fellowship
 - caring for church properties
 - administering church finances & business
- 1 Timothy 3: 1-7
- “Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task. Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.
- 1 Timothy 3: 8-11
- “Deacons, likewise, are to be men worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. In the same way, their wives [“the women”] are to be women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything.
- Elders must be able to teach God’s Word.
- Elders (Pastors) must be men.
- Governing Authority
- “I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent. For Adam was formed first, then Eve.”- 1 Timothy 2: 12-13
- Please Be In Prayer