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#7 How is the Church Governed? March 7 2021

Elder **Pastor** Bishop

(Acts 20:17, 28-31; Eph. 4:11-16; 1 Tim. 3:1-7; 5:17;Titus 1:5-9; Heb. 13:7,17; 1 Pet. 5:1-4)

Cultural leadership has lost its way as it historically does—*polling popularity*

*5 questions for establishing NT Church leadership…*

**1. What is the NT evidence for leadership in the church?**

Unless you qualify to be an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, you do not qualify to be a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Why men?**

Scripture🡪 1 Tim. 3:1,4

*Context 🡪 1 Tim. 2:12*

*Divine Intention 🡪 Male/ female relatedness as an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of higher divine \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 1 Cor. 11:3; Gen 2:18; Eph.5:23-24.*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_leadership of the church and the home is biblical because it is ideally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the theology of who God is, how he has created, and how the Godhead relates to itself and the church. *The church is not a showcase of human \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or to create a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ between the genders, but to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the character and nature of God as he relates to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

**3. What men?**

*“Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.” (Heb. 13:7)*

* M\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Pet. 5:3)
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Much is made of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, almost nothing of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**4. What do these men do?**

*“Appoint elders…who holds firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage/exhort others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.” (Titus 1:9)*

* P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* O\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Certain men are called to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_God’s flock, his people and are directly answerable to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**5. What should the church do?**

* A\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* S \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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Highly value the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_God gives to the church, to you, to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you, to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_you, and to lose sleep to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for you.