

Biblical Church Leadership



1. Congregational Context of Church leadership.
2. Biblical Qualifications for Church leadership.
3. Charismatic nature of Church leadership.
4. Christlikeness of Church leadership.
5. The Relationship of Church Leadership to God's Nature and Character.



1. Congregational Context of Church leadership.

The Scripture always indicates a congregational responsibility in Church Leadership.

Not a few people, but everyone is encouraged to exhibit leadership



1. Congregational Context of Church leadership.

Matt 18:15-17 (example 1)

If a brother sins against you...

Between the two of you.

Take one or two others.

Tell it to the church.

Church – the assembly of individual believers who are the church.



1. Congregational Context of Church leadership.

Acts 6:2-5 (example 2)

Apostles handing over responsibility of serving the tables to the deacons.

Apostles devoting to prayer and preaching the Word.



2. Biblical Qualifications.

Bible clearly models a Plurality of elders. Acts
14:23, Titus 1:5

Main preacher being distinct from the rest of
the elders.

Qualifications: 1 Timothy and Titus



Corinth Paul gave himself exclusively to preaching.

In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel. 1 Cor. 9:14

Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. 1 Tim 4:13



Elders and Deacons: Elders more at the spiritual level,
Deacons more at the practical details of church life: administration, maintenance, and the care of church members with physical needs.
But deacons themselves are spiritual too.

No place any consideration of secular credentials giving advantage for selection.



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3. Charismatic nature of Church leadership.

Charisma – Gifts of the grace of God.

Romans 12:6-8 – Specific Gifts of God to the Church

Prophesying.

Teaching.

Encouragement.

Contribution to need.

Leadership – diligently.

Showing mercy – cheerfully.



4. Christlikeness of Church leadership.

Leaders are to reflect the character of Christ. (BOSS)

B - BOSS - Exercise Authority

O – Out Front – leading by example.

S – Supply – Drive from Behind

S – Serve – to Serve by giving yourself.



5. Relationship of Church leadership to Gods Nature and Character.

To recognize and respect Godly authority in the Church.

Sign of a Healthy Church and of healthy Christians..

