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HOW DID THE EARLY CHURCH SUSTAIN REVIVAL?

Scriptures for self-study

1. There was a spiritual structure.

Acts 6:2-4 NKJV (*Leaders were raised up intentionally*)

2 Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. 3 Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; 4 but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

2. The fivefold ministry functioned to build the church.

Acts 1:2 NKJV (Apostles)

2 until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen.

Acts 11:27-28 NKJV (Prophets)

27 And in these days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28 Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar.

Acts 8:5-6 NKJV (Evangelist)

5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. 6 And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

Acts 20:28 NKJV (Pastors)

28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church [a]of God which He purchased with His own blood.



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Acts 13:1 NKJV (Teacher)

Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

3. How were leaders ordained in the church?

Acts 13:1 NKJV (Through fasting, prayer and the guidance of the Holy Spirit)

2 As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.

Acts 6:6 NKJV (By the laying on of hands)

6 whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.

2 Timothy 1:6 NKJV (By the laying on of hands)

6 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

4. The leader's responsibility

Ephesians 6:11-12 NKJV (Equip the saints for ministry)

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

1 Peter 5:2-3 NKJV (Shepherd and oversee the flock)

2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; 3 nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.



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Titus 1:6 NKJV (To guard sound doctrine and teach it)

9 holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.

5. Leadership is a privilege and high calling

1 Timothy 1:12 NKJV

12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry.

1 Timothy 3:1 NKJV

This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work.

“Revival is born by the Spirit, but it is sustained by leadership, order and responsibility.” – Pastor Louis Holtzhausen

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