

LET'S TALK



Deacons

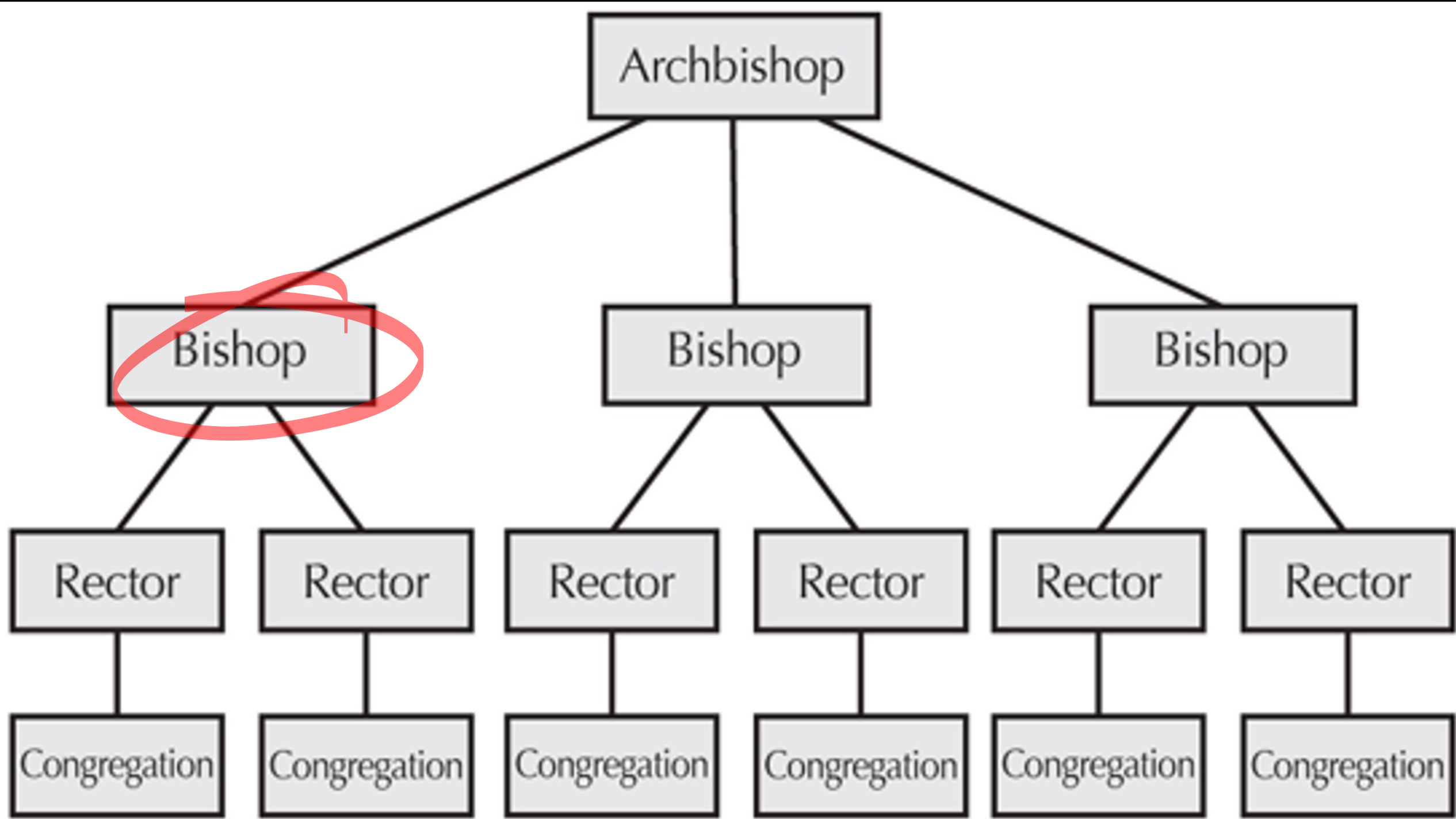
Acts 6; 1 Tim. 3 (pg. 971, 1052)

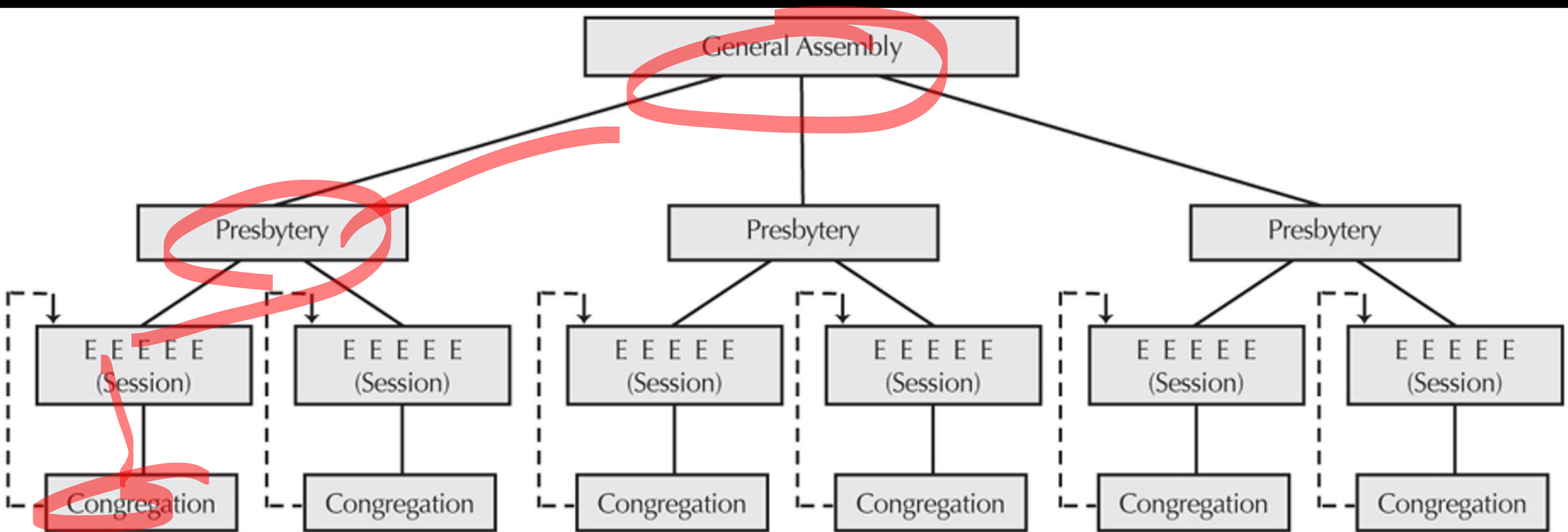


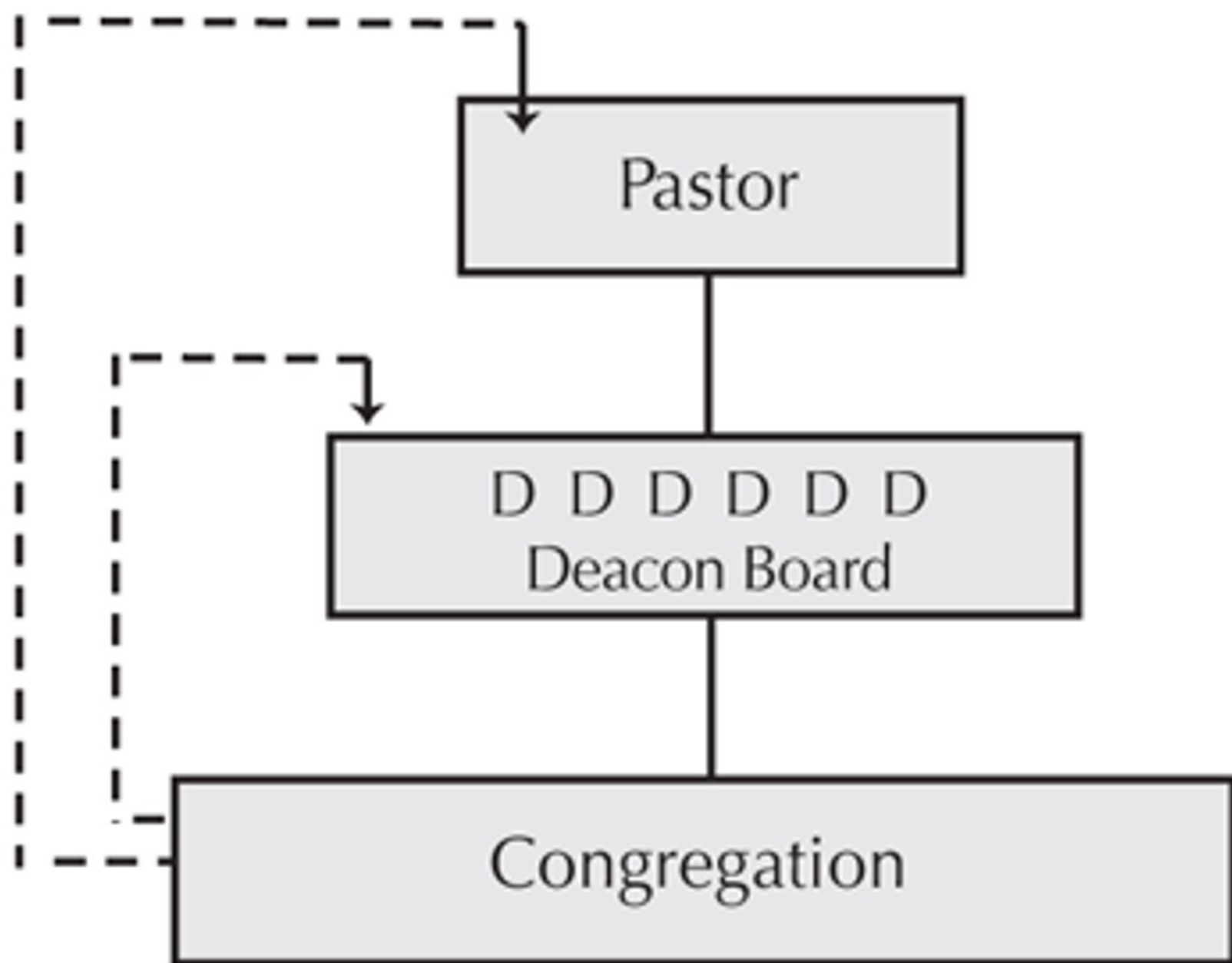
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1) Church Politics

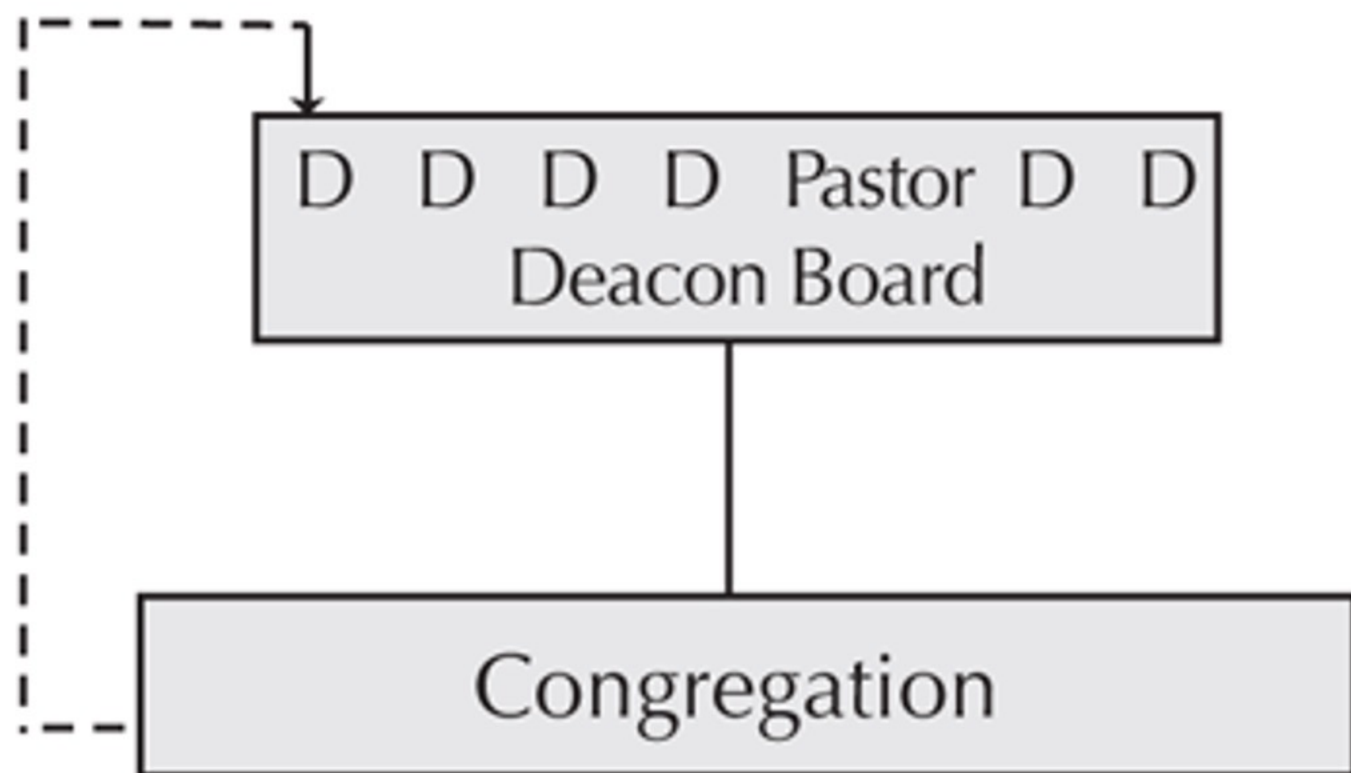




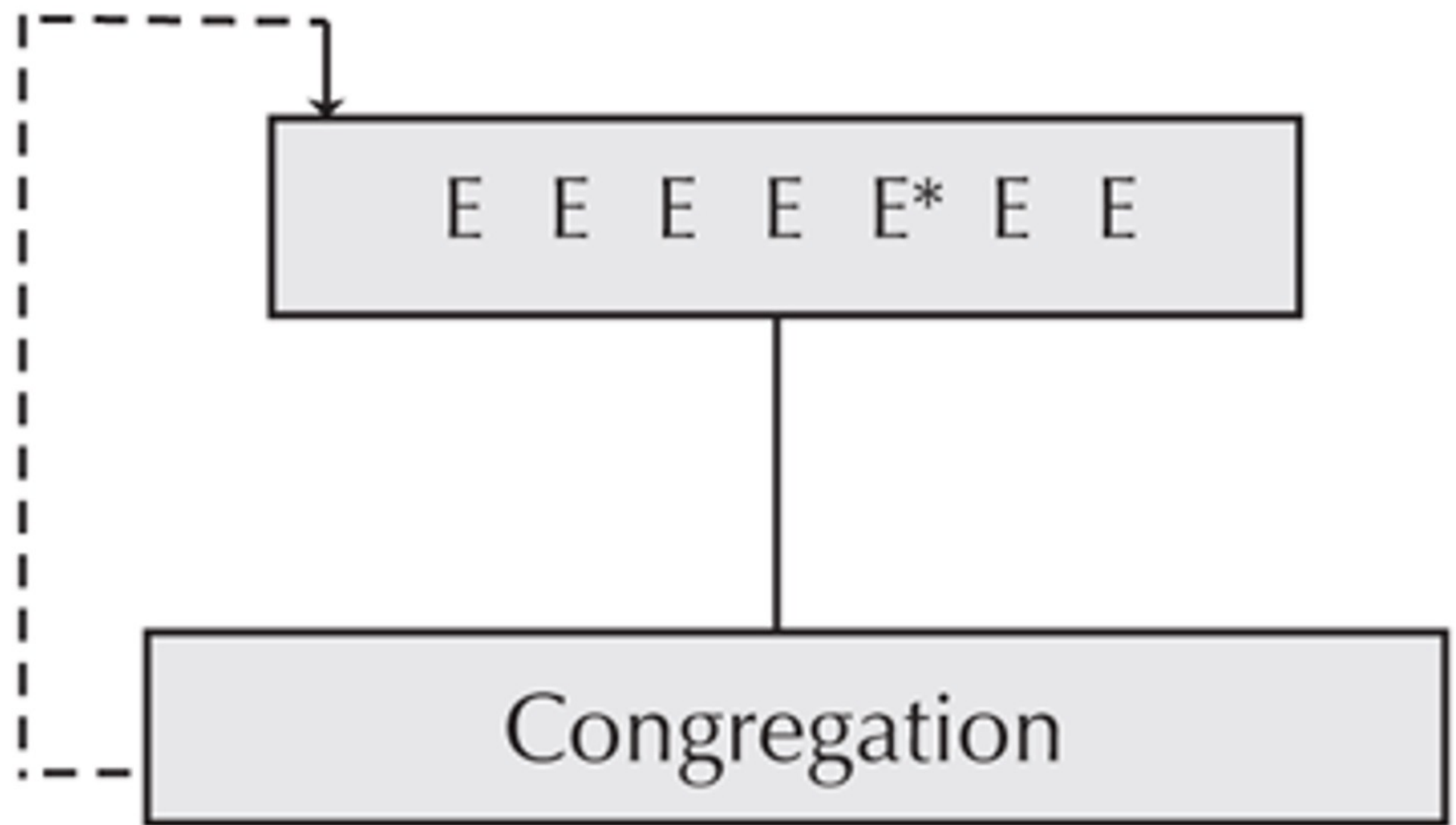




Single-Elder (Single-Pastor) Government

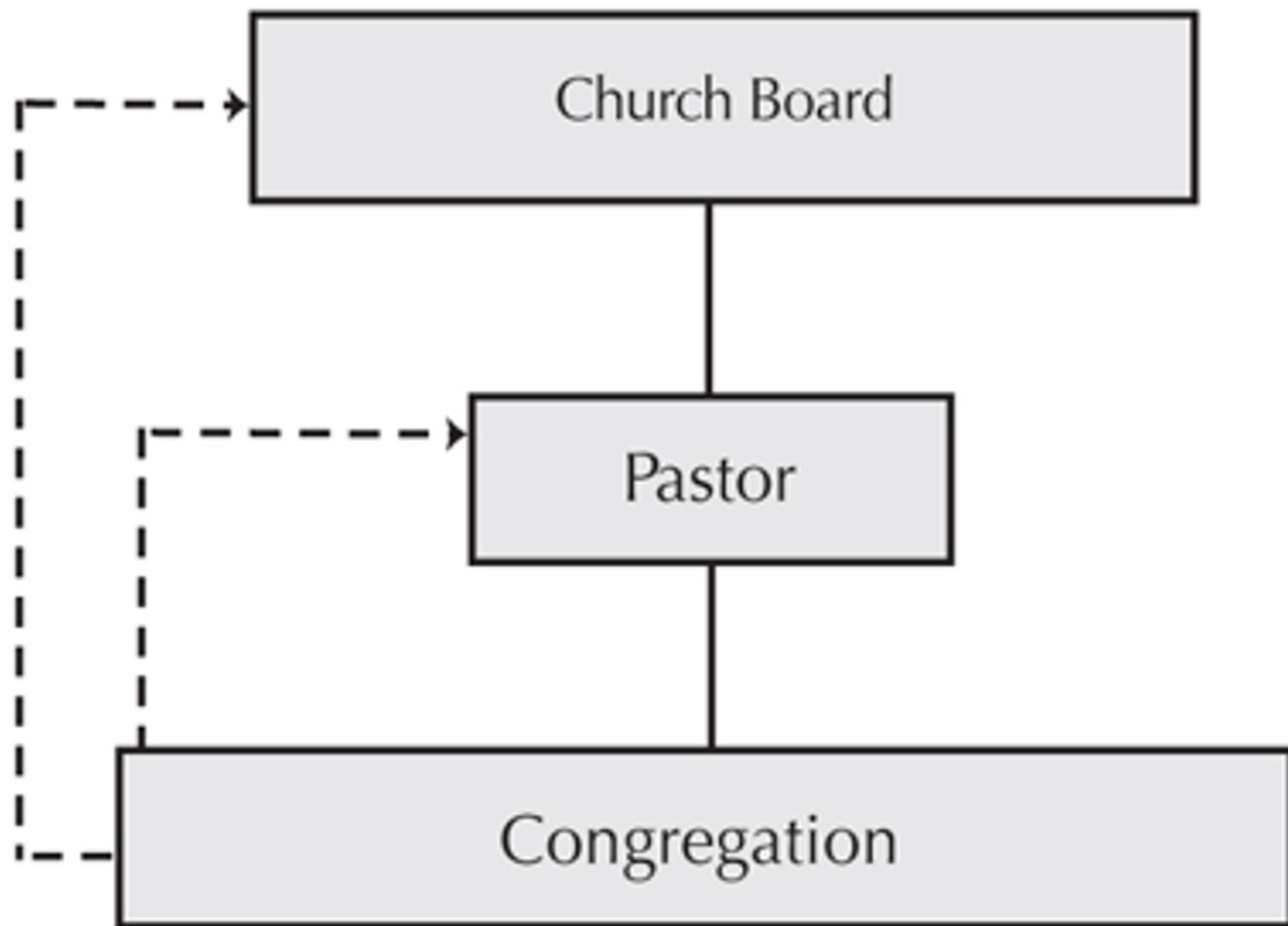


The Pastor and Deacons May Govern Together and Thus Function like a Government of Plural Elders



* Pastor

Plural Local Elder Government



Corporate Board Model of Church Government

Congregation

Government by Pure Democracy



CONGREGATION

No Government but the Holy Spirit

Christ RULED

Elder LED

Deacon SERVED

Congregationally GOVERNED



Christ Ruled

Congregation
Governed

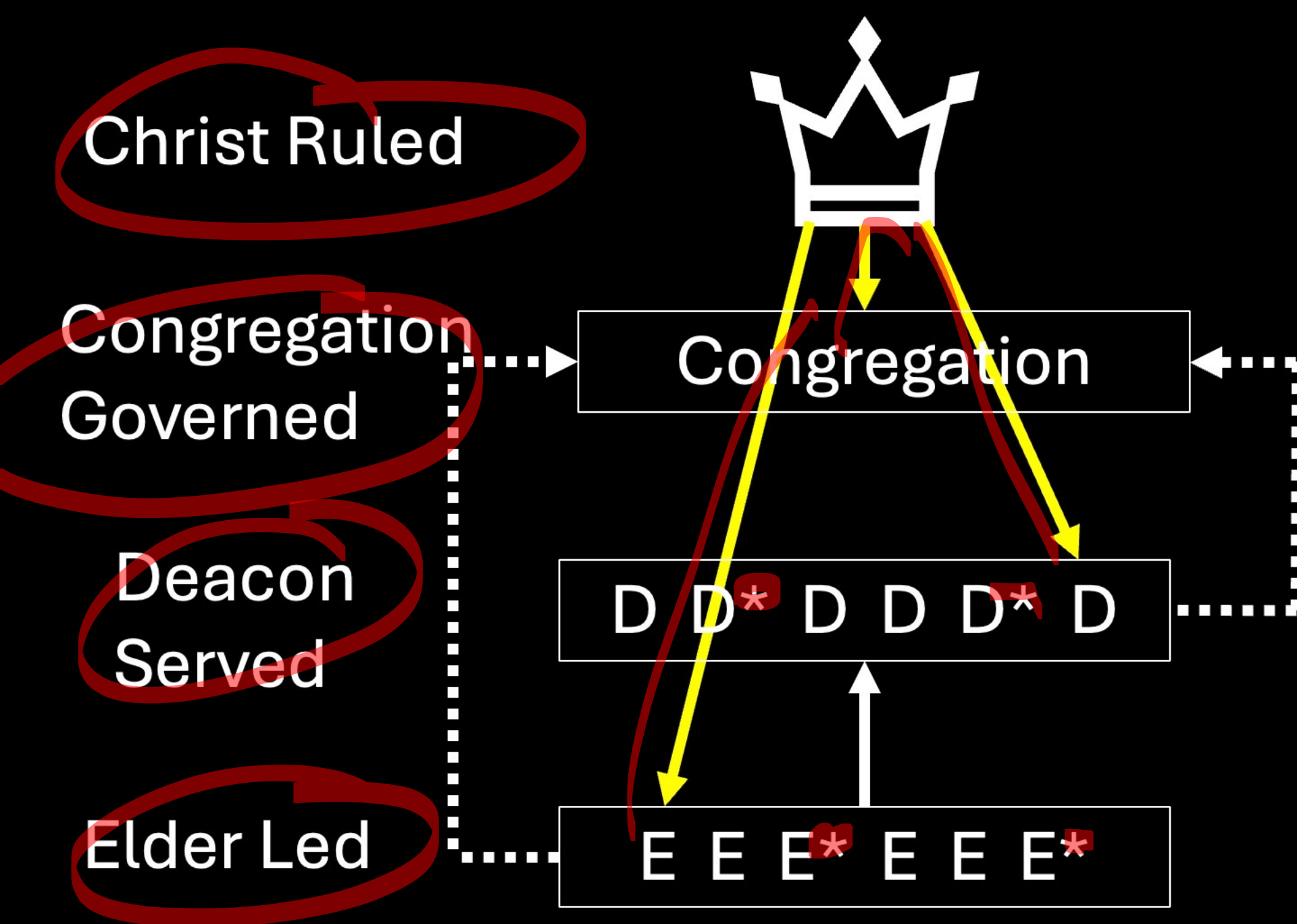
Deacon
Served

Elder Led

Congregation

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Remember your leaders who have spoken
God's word to you. As you carefully observe
the outcome of their lives, imitate their faith.



Obey your leaders and submit to them, since
they keep watch over your souls as those who
will give an account, so that they can do this
with joy and not with grief, for that would be
unprofitable for you.

Hebrews 13:7, 17



“If elders serve by leading, deacons lead by serving.”

Matt Smethurst

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- 1) Church Politics
 - 2) Who Are Deacons?



Deacon
Servant
Minister



Sitting down, [Jesus] called the Twelve and said to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be last and deacon of all."

Mark 9:35

If anyone deacons me, he must follow me.
Where I am, there my deacon also will be. If
anyone deacons me, the Father will honor him.

John 12:26



⁸Deacons, likewise, should be worthy of respect, not hypocritical, not drinking a lot of wine, not greedy for money, ⁹holding the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰They must also be tested first; if they prove blameless, then they can serve as deacons.

1 Timothy 3:8-13



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1) Qualifications for Deacons (8-10)

a) Woman Deacons (11)

b) Men Deacons (12)

2) Blessing for Deacons (13)



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⁸Therefore, I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument. ⁹Also, the women are to dress themselves in modest clothing, with decency and good sense, not with elaborate hairstyles, gold, pearls, or expensive apparel, ¹⁰but with good works, as is proper for women who profess to worship God.

1 Timothy 2:8-10



I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant of the church in Cenchreae.

So you should welcome her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints and assist her in whatever matter she may require your help. For indeed she has been a benefactor of many — and of me also.

Romans 16:1–2



Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus:
To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in
Philippi, including the overseers and deacons.

Philippians 1:1



The reason I left you in Crete was to set right what was left undone and, as I directed you, to appoint elders in every town.

Titus 1:5



“Therefore, appoint for yourselves **bishops** and **deacons** worthy of the Lord, **men** meek, and not lovers of money, and truthful and proven; for they also render to you the service of prophets and teachers.”

Didache



“Accordingly, I judged it all the more necessary to find out what the truth was by torturing two female slaves who were called deaconesses. But I discovered nothing else but depraved, excessive superstition.”

Pliny the Younger (111–113)



“We are also aware of all the things that the noble Paul prescribed on the subject of female deacons in one of the two Epistles to Timothy.”

Clement of Alexandria (150–215)



“[Romans 16:1] teaches . . . two things: that there are . . . women deacons in the church, and that women, who have given assistance to so many people and who by their good works deserve to be praised by the apostle, ought to be accepted in the diaconate.”

Origen of Alexandria (184–253)



“Some have thought that [1 Tim. 3:11] is said of women generally, but it is not so, for why should [Paul] introduce anything about women to interfere with his subject? He is speaking of those who hold the rank of deaconesses.”

John Chrysostom (349–407)



“Deaconesses, an office that most certainly was recognised in the apostolic churches.”

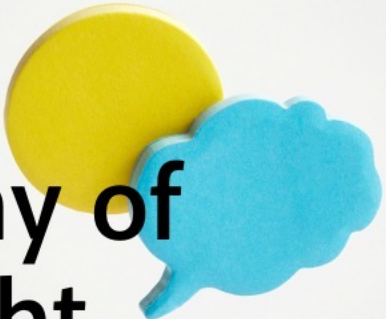
Charles Spurgeon (1834–1892)

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 - 3) What Should Deacons Do?



In those days, as the disciples were increasing in number, there arose a complaint by the Hellenistic Jews against the Hebraic Jews that their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution.

Acts 6:1-7



The Twelve summoned the whole company of the disciples and said, "It would not be right for us to give up preaching the word of God to wait on tables. Brothers and sisters, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and wisdom, whom we can appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

Acts 6:1-7



This proposal pleased the whole company. So they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a convert from Antioch. They had them stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

So the word of God spread, the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly in number, and a large group of priests became obedient to the faith.

Acts 6:1-7



“If the office of elder is dedicated to the work of teaching, leading, praying, and shepherding, then the diaconate is devoted to serving in all other areas of the church.”

Gregg Allison



Elder – Pastor
Deacon – Minister



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