

Church Administration

Lecture 1

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Chapter 1: An Introduction to Administration

Use this handout to follow along during class. Take notes as the professor teaches.

What You Should Learn From this Lecture

By the end of this section, you should understand:

- Why administration is a biblical necessity in the work of the local church
- How Scripture provides patterns for delegation and leadership structure
- How order and organization support—not replace—spiritual ministry
- Key Old Testament and New Testament examples of church administration
- The main “Things to Know” concepts that will appear on future exams

1. The Biblical Foundation for Organization (Exodus 18):

2. Administration Rooted in New Testament Order (1 Corinthians 14):

3. Key Misconceptions Corrected:

4. Practical Purposes of Administration in the Local Church:

5. Closing Summary (2 min)

Administration is not about making the church a business. It is about biblical delegation (Exodus 18), spiritual order (1 Corinthians 14), protecting ministry effectiveness, and supporting the mission of Christ's church.

Things to Know (Exam Review Section):

1. Exodus 18 is the foundational delegation model for ministry leadership.
2. Administration prevents burnout and overload in pastoral ministry.
3. God commands church order: "decently and in order" (1 Cor. 14:40).
4. Administration is stewardship of God's work, not worldly compromise.
5. Administration preserves peace and unity, not conflict.
6. Leadership is shared among gifted members, not centralized in one person.
7. Chapter Review answers common objections to administration.
8. One of the test questions will ask if you did the assigned reading.

ASSIGNMENT

Read Chapter 1 AN INTRODUCTION TO ADMINISTRATION