



LEADERSHIP IN THE CHURCH

Ephesians 4:11-12

1. _____ by Christ

Desiring leadership is different than assuming leadership. It is Christ who establishes the leadership of the Church. Outside of that, they are usurpers and pretenders to the work of the office.

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes. ~ 1 Corinthians 1:1

2. _____ the Saints

It is the primary role of leadership in the church to bring believers to a place of spiritual fitness. More than just providing the tools needed, it is to make them readily prepared to be used of God.

Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. ~ 1 Timothy 4:12-13

3. _____ the Church

Like an architect, going from the first foundation stone to the final tile on the roof, leadership in the church is to build up the body of Christ. The caring shepherd nurtures the health and strength of the flock.

And Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets, encouraged and strengthened the brothers with many words. ~ Acts 15:32

HEBREWS 13:17

OBEY YOUR LEADERS AND SUBMIT TO THEM, FOR THEY ARE KEEPING WATCH OVER YOUR SOULS, AS THOSE WHO WILL HAVE TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT. LET THEM DO THIS WITH JOY AND NOT WITH GROANING, FOR THAT WOULD BE OF NO ADVANTAGE TO YOU.



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Additional Scripture References (And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)

Acts 9:15

But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel."

Hebrews 5:4

And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

1 Samuel 16:12

And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he."

1 Timothy 3:1

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Matthew 28:20

"...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

2 Peter 1:15

And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

Acts 20:28

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

Romans 1:11

For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you.