



Leadership within a Local Church: Elders & Deacons

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Jeremiah 29:7 Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.

John 3:16-17 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Matthew 28:19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

1 Timothy 4:10 And for this we labor and strive, that we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, and especially of those who believe.

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.

1 John 2:2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 Timothy 2:4 Who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Ezekiel 18:23 Do I take any pleasure in the death of the wicked? declares the Sovereign Lord. Rather, am I not pleased when they turn from their ways and live?

Ezekiel 18:32 For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent and live!

Romans 11:32 For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

Peter 2:1 But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves.

Romans 10:12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him

Romans 5:14 Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who was a pattern of the one to come.

Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

Corinthians 15:27 For He "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under Him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ.

Questions about Leadership structures:

1. How have you structured leadership in your church?
2. Why have you chosen that model?
3. Is it working?
4. How are you going to structure or restructure your church to reach "ALL?"
5. Can you defend your church structure biblically?
6. How do you hold those within your church structures accountable?

2 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 5 1-4 To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

Deacons are doers of ministry—significant ministry that must be accomplished. They carry much more weight than a volunteer, their weight is key to accomplishing the mission and if they drop the ball, huge aspects of the Kingdom are dropped. Sometimes Deacons are managers of others, sometimes they are doers of ministry, sometimes they are both.

1 Timothy 3:8-13 Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.