

Church Leaders are O.D.

Philippians 1:1-2 Part 3

1:1c including the overseers and deacons

1 Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#1 Church leaders are 'Christians' _____

Hebrews 13:7 Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.

#2 Church leaders and Church family are _____

James 3:1 Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we shall incur a stricter judgment.

2 Peter 2:1 there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them,...2 And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned

1 Corinthians 1:10 Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree, and there be no divisions among you, but you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Philippians 1:27 hear of you that you are standing firm in **one spirit**, with **one mind** striving together for the faith of the gospel;

Ephesians 4:3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

#3 Church leaders come in two _____

Acts 20:17 he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. 28 "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

Titus 1:5 I left you in Crete, that you might set in order what remains, and appoint elders in every city as I directed you...7 For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed,

1 Peter 5:1 I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder 2 shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily...

#4 Church leaders are the overseers who lead the Church family as a _____

Acts 14:23 they had appointed elders for them in every church

Acts 20:17 ..he...called to him the elders of the church.

Acts 20:28 the Holy Spirit has made you overseers

Philippians 2:2 be...of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

#5 Church leaders who are overseers, _____ the flock

1 Timothy 5:17 *Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor*

Acts 20:28 *Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God.*

1 Peter 5:1 *I exhort the elders among you ...2 shepherd the flock of God among you*

1 Peter 5:3 *nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.*

Titus 1:9 *holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.*

Acts 20:29 *I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. 31 Therefore be on the alert*

1 Timothy 3:5 *if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?*

Luke 10:34 *and came to him, and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 And on the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him...*

#6 Church leaders who are deacons free up the elder team, through responsible _____

1 Timothy 3:8 *Deacons likewise must be men of dignity, not double-tongued, or addicted to much wine or fond of sordid gain, 9 but holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. 10 And let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach. 13 For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a high standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.*

Acts 6:3 *...select from among you, brethren, seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task. 4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.*

1st Every saint _____ and serves

2nd Every saint leads by _____

3rd Every saint _____ church leaders

1 Thessalonians 5:12 *we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, 13 and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.*

4th Every saint _____ the true head of the church

Questions for MATURING - take time this week, as a family, ministry, or individual ... to answer...

1-What truths from verse 1, belong only to the Philipians and what truths belong to all Christians today?

2-Why is it so important all Christians understand Church leadership?

3-Most Church governments are either heavy pastor/elder led, OR heavy congregation led; what is the correct view?

4-How should every genuine believer be like an ELDER and be like a DEACON?

5-Why is it most Churches today do not have a biblically functioning ELDERSHIP?

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