

Assignment #6 “Leadership in Christ’s Church”

Principle:

Passages: Acts 14:23 Acts 20:28-29 1 Timothy 3:1-7 1 Thess. 5:12-13
Titus 1:5 1 Peter 5:1-4 Philippians 1:1 1 Timothy 5:19
Hebrews 13:17 Titus 1:5-9

Please study these verses and then answer the following questions. Be concise in your answers. List specific principles that you glean from your study of these passages and give the accompanying scripture reference.

1. In Acts 14:23 and Titus 1:5 we see the biblical pattern of plurality established for leadership within the church. Why might God have designed His church to operate under this pattern of leadership? What are the dangers of operating without plurality?
2. According to Acts 20:28-29, Hebrews 13:17 and 1 Peter 5:1-4, what kind of responsibility do pastors have? Where does that responsibility come from? What are some of the implications of this for you personally as a vital part of the church body?
3. 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9 list God’s qualifications for those who are to be pastors. Why are these important? How should these affect the process of bringing a new pastor onto the church board? Why?
4. What do 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, 1 Timothy 5:19 and Hebrews 13:17 tell us about our response and responsibility to God-ordained leadership? Why would God call the church family to respond this way? What might be some of the implications if our church is going to follow God’ word in this area?
5. Why might God’s design for biblical leadership in the church be difficult for many today?
6. How might a person’s past relationships and experiences factor in with how they relate to God’s gracious provision of pastors?
7. How has this study influenced your thinking? How will it influence your living?
8. How would you share this with someone who is resistant to being shepherded and having a hard time coming under the authority of God-ordained leadership?
9. How would you summarize this lesson in a one-sentence principle (write it in the space provided above)?