

Kingdom Order

Part 11: Pastor | Text: 1 Timothy 5:17-25

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How does a church handle their _____ and the ruling elders?

- Salary is set by a governing board
- Doctrine and vision is held in accountability to the Word
- Morality has to line up with the Word of God
- Handles discipline

The pastor is to be the leader and initiator of vision but still is also an employee of the body and is accountable to that body of leadership.

Acts 14:23 | Titus 1:5 | Deuteronomy 24:15
Deuteronomy 25:4 | I Corinthians 9:7-11

Acts 20:17-18 – From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church. When they arrived, he said to them: “You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia.”

A look at a pastor’s main _____ description

- Is a diligent worker – Acts 18:1-5
- Major responsibility is to study, pray, preach, and teach
Acts 6:2, 1 Timothy 4:11-14
- Skilled laborer – 2 Timothy 2:15 (NKJV)
- Employee of the people

Acts 6:2 (NLT) So the Twelve called a meeting of all the believers. “We apostles should spend our time preaching and teaching the word of God, not administering a food program,” they said.

2 Tim 2:15 (NKJV) Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Accusation against a pastor or elder is always by two or three Christian witnesses.

- There is a protocol to handle discipline – Hebrews 12:5-11
 - Rumors are worse than facts so tell the truth – Matthew 18:15-20
 - Deal with everything as a family
 - The one being disciplined should stay in family
- 1 Timothy 5:21-25

The _____ of the church is Christ and He always has the last word.

- No favoritism – Leviticus 19:15 | James 2:4
- Laying on of hands – Numbers 8:10 | Matthew 19:14-15 | Luke 4:40
- Take care of yourself – Acts 20:28

James 2:4 (NLT) Doesn’t this discrimination show that you are guided by wrong motives?

Numbers 8:10 You are to bring the Levites before the Lord, and the Israelites are to lay their hands on them.

Sin will be exposed and good deeds will be rewarded.

Luke 12:2 | Hebrews 11:6 | Galatians 6:9 | Ephesians 6:8 | Revelation 22:12

Ezekiel 8:12 (NLT) Then the Lord said to me, “Son of man, have you seen what the leaders of Israel are doing with their idols in dark rooms?

They are saying, ‘The Lord doesn’t see us; he has deserted our land!’”

1 Corinthians 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men’s hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God.

D12 Discussion Questions:

1. Read 1 Timothy 5:17-20 and discuss what you feel is important from your pastor.
2. Read the Hebrews 12:5-11 and Matthew 18:15-20 and discuss.
3. Discuss the section on sins being exposed and good deeds rewarded.

Prayer Focus:

Begin to pray for the election using the scriptures that were given.