

- 1B. Apostles: apostolous / ἀποστόλους
- 1C. The men who Jesus Himself instructed and gave this Title and miraculous powers in Matthew 10:1-10.
- 2C. These miraculous deeds were the “signs of an Apostles” 2 Corinthians 12:12
- 2B. Prophets: prophētas / προφήτας
- 1C. The Old Testament Prophets and perhaps some in Acts. Note that Ephesians 2:20 literally reads “The Apostles who are also Prophets.”
- 2C. Jesus and the Apostles who are also Prophets, are the foundation upon which you are built.”
- 3C. Evangelists and Pastor-Teachers preach **ONLY ON THIS FOUNDATION!**
- 3B. Evangelists: euangelistas/εὐαγγελιστάς
Men who announce the good news of Jesus Christ: Missionaries.
- 4B. Pastors who are Teachers (the literal Greek phrase): poimenas/ποιμένες - didaskalous/διδασκάλους
- 1C. Pastor or Shepherd feeds Sheep. They feed by Teaching.
- 2C. Several words describe their office:
- 1D. 1 Timothy 3:1-2, “the office of a bishop” or literally “Episcopos / ἐπίσκοπος means Overseer or a Foreman on a job site.
- 2D. Titus 1:5-9, Bishops are Elders, or “Presbuteros / πρεσβυτέρους” literally “Older Ones.” Paul did not appoint “New Converts!”
- 3D. Acts 20:17, Elders are Overseers (in v.20) and ARE Pastors/Shepherds.
- 5B. The Bible sees no other Leaders over a local Church. They are simply:
- 1C. Elders “Presbuteros / πρεσβυτέρους (Older Ones or Presbyters)
- 2C. Overseers “Episcopos / ἐπίσκοπος (Ones who keep an eye on things)
- 3C. Pastor/Shepherds (One who feeds and protects Sheep).
- 1D. Note that they are a GROUP of Men and never “a man” alone.
- 2D. The man among them that receives special training is simply an Elder or “Pastor who is also a Teacher.” He ministers with the other Leaders.
- 6B. Disciple - μαθητάς (follower): A Student/Deacon = diakonos / διακόνος; literally, “through the dust,” is any official non-teaching ministry.
- 1C. Acts 6:1-7
- 2C. 1 Timothy 3:8-13



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Training Church Leaders Part 3

Introduction

1 Timothy 3:16-17 states that the Scriptures are God Breathed and will equip a person for every good work the will ever do for the Lord. In John 8:30-36, Jesus said He will free a person from slavery to sin through His Word (teachings). This Study will follow the Biblical pattern in training you for Leadership. Remember that with God your character is everything!

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Who is a Wise man endued with knowledge among you? Let him show by good conversation his works in meekness of wisdom. James 3:13 (GSB) [Read the entire Book of James for context].



1A. Leadership Training Introduction

- 1B. Church Leaders are always chosen because of their good character and faithfulness to their Lord. They are always chosen by other Leaders (not by themselves!). 1 Timothy 3; Titus 1
- 2B. Church Leaders must be leading! Doing nothing means a man is not leading and should resign any position he holds to let others lead. Still, when learning, the Disciples went WITH Jesus, only Listening at first, then Serving, then Outreach, and finally Leading others.
- 3B. Church Leaders need to know the Bible Basics first. Jesus did not teach the Disciples the Basics of the Bible! They already had that BEFORE being called to be Disciples. This study assumes you are familiar, as they were, with the Bible. A Church Leader should have read the entire Bible through as a start. After this, a mastery of the following Books will train a Church Leader by reading EACH section through DAILY for at least 2 weeks. This is done WHILE THEY SERVE!
- 4B. This Study Guide will cover those Books of Scripture which describe the Selection of Church Leaders. No one Selects or Ordains Themselves, and even the Apostles Themselves are not exempt from being removed, says Galatians 1. Remember Judas!
- 5B. Leaders are Trained by Doing!
 - 1C. Leaders in Training should be with the Leaders who are already in Ministry positions. Watching and helping at first as the Disciples did.
 - 2C. They should be in the Church Board Meeting and Interacting; though without authority.
 - 3C. For two months their names should be posted, or made known to the Church, that they are being considered to be a Church Leader. This allows people to express any concerns they have about their character.
 - 4C. At the end of two months time they are simply confirmed. No one became a Church Leader in the Bible by voting. [In reference to Deacons] Having the mystery (μυστήριον) of Faith in pure (καθαρή) conscience (συνειδήσει) And let them first be proved (δοκιμαζέσθωσαν): then let them Minister, if they be found blameless (ἀνέγκλητοι). 1 Timothy 3:9-10 (GSB)

2A. The Leadership Training Course

Read each section daily for at least one week. Focus on Leaders, Appointment or Leaders, Practices of the Church and What they Did and DID-Not Do!



1B. The Gospel of John

The Gospel for Christians. Answers Who, What, When, Where, Why and How for all, and should be Mastered by every Believer. Describes what Scriptures Do. What Jesus Does, what the Spirit Does and what Believers are to be doing. Instruction on who is obligated to what!
1C. Week 1: John 1-6
2C. Week 2: John 7-12
3C. Week 3: John 13-21

2B. Acts

Beginning of Christianity and the change from Jewish Jerusalem to the Ends of the Earth, or the Gentile Church.
1C. Week 4: Acts 1-6
2C. Week 5: Acts 7-11
3C. Week 6: Acts 12-16
4C. Week 7: Acts 17-22
5C. Week 8: Acts 23-28

3B. 1 Timothy

Explains the Structure of a Local Church. Define every word in chapter 3.
Note "necessary" in 1 Timothy 3:15.
1C. Week 9: 1 Timothy

4B. 2 Timothy

Explain Discipleship in a Local Church. Who? How?
1C. Week 10: 2 Timothy

5B. Titus

Planting a Local Church. How?
1C. Week 11: Titus

6B. 1 & 2 Corinthians

Fixing a Broken Local Church with "The MIND OF CHRIST!"
1C. Week 12: 1 Corinthians 1-9
2C. Week 13: 1 Corinthians 10-16
3C. Week 14: 2 Corinthians 1-13

7B. Galatians

Restoring the Gospel to a Local Church.
1C. Week 15: Galatians

8B. 1 & 2 Thessalonians & Philemon

How to Treat New Christians
1C. Week 16: 1 Thessalonians
2C. Week 17: 2 Thessalonians & Philemon (Interceding).

9B. James

Order in a Local Church
1C. Week 18: James



3A. Bible Studies

1B. Week 19: Church Finances

1C. The Church spends money on:

- 1D. Elders
- 2D. Missionaries
- 3D. Widows
 - 1E. Widows of those in Ministry and only when necessary.
 - 2E. 1 Timothy 5:3 (Honor = Support)
- 2C. If people in your Church are Disciples they will support its ministries.
- 3C. A Church that does not pay its bills is an embarrassment to the name of Jesus and should apologize to those it owes, immediately fix the problem, and consider a change in leadership,
- 4C. In 1 Timothy 3, Leaders must have a good reputation in the community and "first be proven.")
- 5C. Study 2 Kings 4:7; Proverbs 3:9-10, 27-29; 1 Corinthians 9:1-27; 1 Timothy 5:18: Pastors are supported financially to "feed the sheep" (John 21), that is, to make sure that every Christian reaches maturity, Colossians 1:28 (Memorize this verse).

2B. Week 20: A Sinning Brother

- 1C. Sin is a real responsibility for Church Leaders. If they do not deal with sin, then the Leaders themselves are sinning.
- 2C. WRITE OUT the SPECIFIC STEPS to be taken by Leaders. Notice in 1 Corinthians 5, where you will destroy your Church if you neglect this.
- 3C. Read also: Matthew 18; 1 Corinthians 4:14-5:13; 1 Timothy 5:19-25; Philemon (restoring a brother).

4A. New Testament Titles to Know

Ephesians 4 (with emphasis on Ephesians 4:11-16)
"He therefore gave some to be Apostles, and some Prophets, and some Evangelists, and some Pastors and Teachers. For the gathering together of the Saints, for the work of the Ministry, and for the edification of the Body of Christ. Till we all meet together (in the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God) unto a perfect man, and unto the measure of the age of the fulness of Christ. That we henceforth be no more children, wavering and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the deceit of men, and with craftiness, whereby they lay in wait to deceive. But let us follow the truth in love, and in all things, grow up into Him, which is the head, that is Christ. By whom all the Body being coupled and knit together by every ligament, for the support thereof (according to the effectual power, which is in the measure of every part) receives increase of the body, unto the edifying of itself in love." Ephesians 4:11-16 (GBS)