

# Church

The Basics

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## THE PHILOSOPHY OF SIMPLE CHRISTIANITY

Simple Christianity centers on restoring the *heart* of New Testament Christianity. Simple Christians endeavor to live, love, worship, and have commitment and faith like that of the New Testament Christians. Simple Christianity is logical, relational and honest.

Simple Christians don't claim to be perfect or be right about everything. Simple Christians focus on the commands and examples shown in God's Word of how the Church was when it first began. Simple Christians let these commands and examples be their guide for practicing Christianity today.

## WHY SIMPLE CHRISTIANITY IS IMPORTANT

As you look at your community, you will notice several church buildings representing different Christian religious groups. That may not seem strange to you, but it wasn't what Christ had in mind when the Church first began. Jesus wanted all Christians to be united as one.

Throughout history, the Church has split over and over again with each faction beginning another form of church organization. This is so unfortunate. What does it say about our faith and love to a non-Christian when Christians can't agree among themselves?

Many times the traditions that separate people are not issues of doctrine or teaching, but of personal or group preference. If we can focus back on the God's Word and commit ourselves to being simple Christians – perhaps we will begin to find that Christian unity that is so needed in our world today.

One important goal of Simple Christianity is unity. Jesus said in John 17:20, "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,<sup>21</sup> that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

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# THE CHURCH

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## What is the Church?

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1. According to the following passages, what is the church?

A. **Colossians 1:24:** *Now I rejoice in what was suffered for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church.*

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B. **Ephesians 5:29:** *After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church--*

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2. According to the following passage, what is the "rock" that Jesus would build the Church on?

**Matthew 16:15-18:** *"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" {16} Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." {17} Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. {18} And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.*

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3. According to the following passage, when did the Church begin?

**Acts 2:36-41:** *"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." {37} When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" {38} Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. {39} The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call." {40} With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." {41} Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.*

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4. According to the following passage, how does one get into the Church?

**Acts 2:47:** *... praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

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5. According to the following passage, what are the members of the Church called?

**Acts 11:26:***... and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.*

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6. According to the following passages, how often is the Church supposed to meet together? Are we limited to the number of hours or days?

A. **Acts 20:7:** *On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight.*

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B. **1 Corinthians 16:2:** *On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.*

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C. **Acts 2:46:** *Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,*

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7. According to the following passages, where is the church supposed to meet?

A. **Romans 16:5:** *Greet also the church that meets at their house. Greet my dear friend Epenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in the province of Asia.*

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B. **Acts 2:46:** *Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,*

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C. **Acts 20:20:** *You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house.*

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D. What do these examples teach us about the location in which the church is supposed to meet?

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8. What are some of the titles given to the church?

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A. What do the following passages teach us about what would be appropriate for a congregation to entitle itself?

i. **Acts 20:28:** *Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.*

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ii. **Hebrews 12:23:** *to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect,*

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iii. **1 Timothy 3:15:** *if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.*

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iv. **Romans 16:16:** *Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings.*

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v. **1 Corinthians 1:2:** *To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ--their Lord and ours:*

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vi. **1 Corinthians 11:16:** *If anyone wants to be contentious about this, we have no other practice--nor do the churches of God.*

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9. From the following passages, what activities are Christians supposed to engage in when the church assembles together?

A. **Hebrews 10:24-25:** *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. {25} Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

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B. **Ephesians 5:19:** *Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord,*

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C. **Acts 2:42:** *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

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D. **Acts 20:7:** *On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight.*

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E. **1 Corinthians 16:1-2:** *Now about the collection for God's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. {2} On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.*

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F. **Acts 11:26:** *and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.*

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10. From the following passage, who is the head of the church? What does this mean to us practically?

A. **Ephesians 1:22:** *And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church,*

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B. **Colossians 1:18:** *And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.*

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11. In the following passage, what was Christ's will for His church? List three thoughts from this passage.

**John 17:20-24:** *"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, {21} that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. {22} I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: {23} I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. {24} "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.*

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12. Why is the following passage a good working definition of what the mission of the church is supposed to be?

**Luke 19:10:** *For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."*

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13. According to the following passages, what is one of the constant struggles of the church and why?

A. **1 Corinthians 11:18:** In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it.

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B. **Romans 16:17:** *I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.*

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C. **1 Corinthians 1:10:** *I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.*

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14. Why is it important that each Christian know God's Word, according to the following passage?

**Romans 16:17:** *I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.*

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# CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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### Pre Study: Passages on Elders and Deacons

Read the scriptures below. Consider:

- A. What do the following passages teach us about the role and character of an Elder in the church?
  - B. What is their responsibility towards members, deacons, evangelists etc.
1. **Acts 11:29-30:** *The disciples, each according to his ability, decided to provide help for the brothers living in Judea. {30} This they did, sending their gift to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.*

A. *Role and Character:*

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B. *Responsibility:*

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2. **Acts 14:23:** *Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust*

A. *Role and Character:*

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B. *Responsibility:*

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3. **Acts 15:1-35:** *Some men came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the brothers: "Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved." {2} This brought Paul and Barnabas into sharp dispute and debate with them. So Paul and Barnabas were appointed, along with some other believers, to go up to Jerusalem to see the apostles and elders about this question. {3} The church sent them on their way, and as they traveled through Phoenicia and Samaria, they told how the Gentiles had been converted. This news made all the brothers very glad. {4} When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and elders, to whom they reported everything God had done through them.*

*{5} Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, "The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to obey the law of Moses."*

*{6} The apostles and elders met to consider this question. {7} After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: "Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. {8} God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. {9} He made no distinction between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith. {10} Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of the disciples a yoke that neither we nor our fathers have been able to bear? {11} No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are."*

*{12} The whole assembly became silent as they listened to Barnabas and Paul telling about the miraculous signs and wonders God had done among the Gentiles through them. {13} When they finished, James spoke up: "Brothers, listen to me. {14} Simon has described to us how God at first showed his concern by taking from the Gentiles a people for himself. {15} The words of the prophets are in agreement with this, as it is written:*

*{16} "After this I will return  
and rebuild David's fallen tent.*

*Its ruins I will rebuild,  
and I will restore it,*

*{17} that the remnant of men may seek the Lord,  
and all the Gentiles who bear my name,  
says the Lord, who does these things'*

*{18} that have been known for ages.*

{19} *"It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God. {20} Instead we should write to them, telling them to abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals and from blood. {21} For Moses has been preached in every city from the earliest times and is read in the synagogues on every Sabbath."*

*{22} Then the apostles and elders, with the whole church, decided to choose some of their own men and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They chose Judas called Barsabbas) and Silas, two men who were leaders among the brothers. {23} With them they sent the following letter:*

The apostles and elders, your brothers,

To the Gentile believers in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia:

Greetings.

*{24} We have heard that some went out from us without our authorization and disturbed you, troubling your minds by what they said. {25} So we all agreed to choose some men and send them to you with our dear friends Barnabas and Paul-- {26} men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. {27} Therefore we are sending Judas and Silas to confirm by word of mouth what we are writing. {28} It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements: {29} You are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality. You will do well to avoid these things.*

Farewell.

*{30} The men were sent off and went down to Antioch, where they gathered the church together and delivered the letter. {31} The people read it and were glad for its encouraging message. {32} Judas and Silas, who themselves were prophets, said much to encourage and strengthen the brothers. {33} After spending some time there, they were sent off by the brothers with the blessing of peace to return to those who had sent them. {34} {35} But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, where they and many others taught and preached the word of the Lord.*

A. *Role and Character:*

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B. Responsibility:

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4. **Acts 16:4-5:** *As they traveled from town to town, they delivered the decisions reached by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem for the people to obey. {5} So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.*

A. Role and Character:

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B. Responsibility:

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5. **Acts 20:28-32:** *Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. {29} I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. {30} Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. {31} So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears. {32} "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.*

A. Role and Character:

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B. Responsibility:

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6. **1 Timothy 4:14:** *Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you.*

A. *Role and Character:*

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B. *Responsibility:*

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7. **1 Timothy 5:17-19:** *The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. {18} For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages." {19} Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses.*

A. *Role and Character:*

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B. *Responsibility:*

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8. **Titus 1:5-9:** *The reason I left you in Crete was that you might straighten out what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you. {6} An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. {7} Since an overseer is entrusted with God's work, he must be blameless--not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. {8} Rather he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. {9} He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.*

A. *Role and Character:*

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B. *Responsibility:*

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9. **James 5:14-15:** *Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. {15} And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven.*

A. *Role and Character:*

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B. *Responsibility:*

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10. **1 Peter 5:1-5:** *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: {2} 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; {3} not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. {4} And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.*

*{5} Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."*

A. *Role and Character:*

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*B. Responsibility:*

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## Overview

You may wish to use the following table to outline your findings above:

- A. What the preceding passages teach us about the role and character of an elder in the church.
- B. The responsibility of an elder in the church to members, deacons, evangelists, and the church.

	Scripture	Role and Character of an Elder	Responsibility to the Church
1.	Acts 11:29-30		
2.	Acts 14:23		
3.	Acts 15:1-35		
4.	Acts 16:4-5		
5.	Acts 20:28-32		
6.	I Timothy 4:14		
7.	I Timothy 5:17-19		
8.	Titus 1:5-9		
9.	James 5:14-15		
10.	1 Peter 5:1-5		

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# DEACONS

## Church Leadership, Part I

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## DEACONS: CHURCH LEADERSHIP, PART I

### What is the role of a deacon?

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What do the following passages teach us about the role and character of a deacon in the church?

- A. **Acts 6:1-6:** *In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. {2} So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. {3} Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them {4} and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."*

*{5} This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. {6} They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.*

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- B. **1 Timothy 3:8-13:** *Deacons, likewise, are to be men worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. {9} They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. {10} They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons.*

*{11} In the same way, their wives are to be women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything.*

*{12} A deacon must be the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well. {13} Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.*

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# **THE SHEPHERDS**

## **Church Leadership, Part II**

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## THE SHEPHERDS: CHURCH LEADERSHIP, PART II

### What is the Role of an Elder?

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### What does it mean to be a Shepherd?

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1. How does the following passage describe the role of an Elder? What does it mean to be a shepherd?

**Acts 20:28-32:** *Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. {29} I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. {30} Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. {31} So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.*

*{32} "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.*

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2. What does the following passage teach us about a Elder's motivation, how he should treat the members of the flock and who he is responsible to?

**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: {2} 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; {3} not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. {4} And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.*

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3. From the following two passages, make a list of qualities that a man must have in order to be appointed as an Elder?

A. **1 Timothy 3:1-7:** *Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task. {2} Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, {3} not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. {4} He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. {5} If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) {6} He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. {7} He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.*

B. **Titus 1:6-9:** *An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. {7} Since an overseer is entrusted with God's work, he must be blameless--not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. {8} Rather he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. {9} He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.*

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4. What do the following passages teach us about the number of Elders needed in each congregation?

A. **Acts 20:17:** *From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church.*

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B. **Acts 14:23:** *Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust.*

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5. What do the following teach us about a members duty towards Elders?

A. **1 Timothy 5:17:** *The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.*

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B. **Hebrew 13:17:** *Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.*

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C. **1 Timothy 5:19:** *Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses.*

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6. Make a list of qualities that a man must have in order to be appointed as a deacon, according to the following passage.

**1 Timothy 3:8-13:** *Deacons, likewise, are to be men worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. {9} They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. {10} They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. {11} In the same way, their wives are to be women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything. {12} A deacon must be the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well. {13} Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.*

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7. What does the following teach us about the role of the deacon in the Church?

**Acts 6:1-6:** *In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. {2} So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. {3} Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them {4} and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." {5} This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. {6} They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.*

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# **THE EVANGELIST**

## **Church Leadership, Part III**

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## THE EVANGELIST: CHURCH LEADERSHIP, PART III

### What is the role of an Evangelist?

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1. What does the term "evangelist" mean?

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2. What does the following passage tell us about an evangelist?

**Ephesians 4:11-12:** *It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, {12} to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up*

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3. Using the following passages, what can we determine about the work of an evangelist from the example of Philip?

A. **Acts 8:5:** *Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Christ there.*

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B. **Acts 8:40:** *Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.*

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C. **Acts 8:38:** *And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.*

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D. **Acts 8:12:** *But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.*

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4. What do the following passages teach us about the work of an evangelist from the exhortations of Paul to Timothy?

A. **2 Timothy 4:1-2:** *In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: {2} Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction.*

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B. **1 Timothy 4:13-16:** *Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. {14} Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you.*

*{15} Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. {16} Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.*

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C. **1 Timothy 4:1-6:** *The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. {2} Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. {3} They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe*

*and who know the truth. {4} For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, {5} because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.*

*{6} If you point these things out to the brothers, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, brought up in the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed.*

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**D. 1 Timothy 1:3:** *As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain men not to teach false doctrines any longer*

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**E. 1 Timothy 6:20-21:** *Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, {21} which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith. Grace be with you.*

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5. Using the following passages from Titus, what can we learn about the work of an evangelist?

**A. Titus 1:4-5:** *To Titus, my true son in our common faith:*

*Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.*

*{5} The reason I left you in Crete was that you might straighten out what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you.*

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**B. Titus 2:1-8:** *You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine. {2} Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance.*

*{3} Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. {4} Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, {5} to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.*

*{6} Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. {7} In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness {8} and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.*

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### **Life Application**

What kind of man is an Evangelist?

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What personal qualities does a man need have to be an Evangelist?

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