

Church Leadership

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I. Introduction.

- A. Church leadership is relevant in the church because you are following or being led as believers.
- B. God reminds us that he has put us in a body called the church that functions through leadership.

II. Leadership is a place for the mature.

- A. Church leaders are called elders.
- B. This refers to how much maturity a person has not necessarily age.
- C. Spiritual maturity is a real understanding of the things of God in one's life.

III. Leadership is a place for the called. A person must be gifted for leadership by the Spirit.

IV. Leadership is a privilege.

- A. The church of God has been purchased with God's own blood. (Acts 20:28)
- B. Leadership is a privilege to lead those who are God's special treasure.
- C. We should not fool around with church leadership because God takes the church seriously.

V. The purpose of leadership.

- A. Leadership "watches over."
- B. Leadership shepherds. (Psalm 23)
- C. Leadership defends people from themselves, outsiders and insiders.

VI. The price of leadership. We must take heed unto ourselves.

- A. A leader cannot accept popularity.
- B. A leader will face internal and external attacks.

VII. The principle of leadership: it is more blessed to give than receive.

Application questions:

1. How do the qualifications for leadership demonstrate how seriously God takes it?

2. What are some improper ways to view biblical leadership?

3. Has God called you to leadership? How can one know?