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~~THE DUTIE~~ WE COULD USE ELDERSHIP IN THE PLACE OF LEADERSHIP AND WOULD HAVE ABOUT ~~THE SAME MEANING.~~ I HAVE CHOSEN LEADERSHIP BECAUSE I AM NOT SURE WE DUTY BOUND TO HAVE THEM TODAY. ~~IF WE ARE HOW~~ MANY OF OUR LEADERS TODAY COULD QUALIFY. I'LL NOT GO INTO THAT IN THIS ~~LESSON AS WE KNOW~~ ELDERS ARE LEADERS AND THAT IS OUR SUBJECT.

THE DUTIES OF THE ~~MEMBERSHIP~~ LEADERSHIP ~~OF A LOCAL CONGREGATION~~ TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THAT CONGREGATION ARE MANY AND REQUIRES MUCH STUDY AND MEDITATION TO DO HIS JOB WELL. also Loves Level Heated

2. IN ORDER TO MAKE IT SHORT AND SIMPLE WE WILL DIVIDE IT IN FOUR PARTS. 1.FEED AND OVER-SEE THE FLOCK. 2. WATCH FOR WOLVES. 3.EXERSIZE DISCIPLINE. 4. ~~BE SN EXAMPLE.~~

FIRST IT IS THE DUTY OF THE ~~LEADERSHIP~~ LEADER SHIP TO THE MEMBERSHIP TO ~~FEED AND OVERSEE THE FLOCK.~~ ACTS 20;27,28. FOR I HAVE NO T SHUNNED TO DECLARE UNTO YOU ~~****~~ ALL THE COUNCIL OF GOD. TAKE HEED THEREFORE UNTO YOUR SELVES, AND TO ALL THE FLOCK, OVER ~~THE~~ WHICH THE HOLY GHOST HATH MADE YOU OVERSEERS, TO FEED THE CHURCH OF GOD, WHICH HE HATH ~~PURCHASED WITH HIS OWN BLOOD.~~

THE LEADERS ARE TO DIRECT THE WORSHIP, MAKING SURE THAT

(3.) THAT IT IS KEPT SCRIPTURAL, AND CARRIED OUT DECENTLY AND IN ORDER. ??? 1st. COR. 14;26,40.

~~they need to be able to teach the~~ THE WORD OF GOD BOTH PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY. 1st. TIM.3;2.

~~A BISHOP MUST BE~~* THEN MUST BE BLAMELESS, THE HUSBAND OF ONE ~~WIFE, VIGILANT, SOBER, OF GOOD~~ BEHAVIOUR, GIVEN TO HOSPITALITY, APT TO TEACH.

~~IT IS THE DUTY OF THE~~ LEADERSHIP TO MAKE DECISIONS CONCERNING THE WORK OF THE ~~CONGREGATION. THEY NEED TO TALK~~ WITH THE MEMBERSHIP AND COME TO AN AGREEMENT ON WHAT AND HOW MUCH ~~THE CONGREGATION~~ CAN DO WITHOUT GOING BEYOND OR FALLING SHORT of that which is written. ~~REV. 22;18,19. FOR I TESTIFY~~ UNTO UNTO EVERY MAN THAT HEARETH

(4) IT'S THE DUTY OF THE LEADERSHIP TO SELECT SUCH PREACHER TO CONDUCT PROTRACTED MEETINGS AS IS BEST QUALIFIED TO TEACH, AS WELL AS ONE WHO CAN MIX WELL WITH THE CONGREGATION.

THE LEADERS SHOULD KNOW THE MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL CONGREGATION AND KEEP A REGULAR CHECK ON THEIR ATTENDANCE AT WORSHIP, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCH. THEY SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE WEAK MEMBERS, AND SEE THAT THE NEEDS OF THE POOR, THE NEEDY, AND THE SICK ARE SUPPLIED. JAS. 1;27. PURE RELIGION AND UNDEFILED BEFORE GOD AND THE FATHER IS THIS, TO VISIT THE FATHERLESS, AND THE WIDOWS IN THEIR AFFLICTION, AND TO KEEP

5. HIMSELF UNSPOTTER FROM THE WORLD. JAS. 1;15. IF A BROTHER OR SISTER BE NAKED, ~~OR AND DESTITUTE ODF DAILY FOOD~~, AND ONE OF YOU SAY UNTO THIEM, DEPART IN PEACE, BE YE WARMED ~~AND FILLED: NOT WITHSTANDING~~ YE GIVE THEM NOT THOSE THINGS THAT ARE NEEDFUL TO THE BODY: ~~WHAT DOETH DOTH IT PROFIT?~~

IT'S THE DUTY OF LEADERS TO DIRECT THE SPENDING OF THE FUNDS COLLECTED ON THE FIRST D ~~DAY OF THE WEEK. IN ORDER TO~~ DO THIS WISELY IT WOULD BE GOOD ~~TO CONSULT THE MEMBERSHIP~~ AT INTERVALS, THAT THEY MAY BE INFORMED OF THE INCOME, THE ~~EXPENDITURES, AND CURRANT NEEDS~~ AND OPPORTUNITIES, WHERE FINANCIAL MATTERS ARE CONCERNED. ~~THIS CAN BE DONE, BY A VERBAL~~ REPORT, ~~OF~~ EVERY NOW AND THEN, OR BY A WRITTEN REPORT, POSTED ~~SOME PLACE IN THE BUILDING.~~

SECOND.

IT'S THE DUTY OF THE LEADERS WATCH FOR WOLVES ! False Teachers MATT. 7;15.

~~BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS~~, * PROPHETS, WHICH COME TO YOU IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING, ~~FOR~~ BUT INWARDLY ~~THEY ARE RAVENING WOLVES.~~ How Know next verse Ye shall know them by IN ACTS. 20;28,31. PAUL SPEAKING TO THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH AT ~~EPHESUS, IN WHICH HE SAYS,~~ TAKE HEED THEREFORE UNTO YOUR SELVES, AND TO ALL THE FLOCK, ~~OVER THE WHICH THE HOLY GHOST~~ HATH MADE YOU OVERSEERS, TO FEED THE ~~FLOCK~~* CHURCH OF GOD WHICH ~~HE HATH PURCHASED WITH HIS OWN~~ BLOOD. FOR I KNOW THIS, THAT AFTER MY DEPARTING SHALL GREVIOUS WOLVES ~~SHALL~~ ENTER IN AMONG YOU, NOT SPARING THE FLOCK. ALSO OF

7. YOUR OWN SELVES, SHALL MEN ARISE, SPEAKING PERVERSE THINGS TO DRAW AWAY DESCIPLES ~~UNTO~~* ~~AFTER THEM.~~ THEREFORE, WATCH, AND REMEMBER, THAT BY THE SPACE OF THREE YEARS I CEASED NOT TO WARN ~~YOU~~ EVERY ONE NIGHT AND DAY WITH TEARS.

THIS HOLDS TRUE WITH THE LEADERS OF TODAY. THEY NEED TO BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR FALSE TEACHERS, WHO MAY SLIP IN AND TEACH FALSE DOCTRINE. CORRUPTING THE NATURE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH.

THEY MUST BE ON THE LOOKOUT AND GUARD AGAINST THOSE WHO MIGHT TRY TO CHZNGE THE PLAN OF SALVATION OR IN ANY WAY PREACH ANOTHER GOSPEL. GAL. 1;6,9.I MARVEL THAT YE ARE SO SOON REMOVEDFROM HIM

8. THAT CALLED YOU INTO THE GRACE OF CHRIST UNTO ANOTHER GOSPEL: WHICH IS NOT ANOTHER: BUT THERE BE SOME THAT TROUBLE YOU, AND WOULD PERVERT THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST. BUT THOUGH WE OR AN ANGEL FROM HEAVEN, PREACH ANY OTHER GOSPEL UNTO YOU THAN THAT WHICH WE HAVE PREACHED UNTO YOU LET HIM BE ACCURSED. AS WE SAID BEFORE, IF ANY MAN PREACH ANY SO SAY I AGAIN, IF ANY MAN PREACH ANY OTHER GOSPEL UNTO YOU THA N THAT YE HAVE RECEIVED, LET HIM BE ACCURSED. ROM. 16;17,18. NOW I BESEECH YOU, BRETHREN, MARK THEM WHICH CAUSE DIVISIONS AND OFFENCES AMONG YOU CONTRARY TO THE DOCTRINEWHICH YE HAVE LEARNED: AND AVOID THEM.

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FOR THEY THAT ARE SUCH SERVE NOT OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, BUT THEIR OWN BELLY: AND BY GOOD WORDS AND FAIR SPEECHES DECEIVE THE HEARTS OF SIMPLE.

THIRD. IT'S THE DUTY OF THE LEADERS TO TEACH ~~DISCI~~ DISCIPLINE, ~~***~~ IN THE CHURCH. ~~FROM TIME TO TIME~~, ESPECIALLY IN THE LARGER CONGREGATIONS, THERE WILL BE SOME MEMBERS THAT ~~ARE MORE OR LESS~~ UNRULY. THEY MAY BE GOSSIPERS, TALE BEARERS, LIARS, OR SIMPLY TROUBLE MAKERS. IN GENERAL. THEY MUST BE STOPPED. AND Duty of 1 THE LEADERS 1 to TALK WITH THEM AND GET THESE THINGS STOPPED. TIT. 1;10,11. FOR THERE ARE MANY UNRULY AND VAIN TALKERS~~***~~ AND DECEIVERS

10. ESPECIALLY THEY OF THE ~~CI~~
CIRCUMCISION: WHOSE MOUTHES
MUST BE STOPPED, WHO SUBVERT
WHOLE HOUESE, TEACHING THINGS
OUGHT
WHICH THEY ~~SHOULD~~ NOT, FOR ~~FILTHY~~
FILTHY LUCRES SAKE.
OTHERS MAY BE WALKING DIS-
ORDERLY, TEACHING FALSE DOCTRINE.
~~2nd. THES.3;6. NOW WE COMMAND~~
~~YOU BRETHREN, IN THE NAME OF~~
~~OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THAT YE~~
~~WITHDRAW YOURSELVES FROM EVERY~~
~~BROTHER THAT WALKETH DISORDERLY~~
DISORDERLY, AND NOT AFTER THE
~~TRADITIONS WHICH HE RECEIVED OF~~
~~US.~~ WE SHOULD NEVER WITHDRAW
FELLOWSHIP FROM A BROTHER IN
~~HAST, ESPECIALLY NOT WHILE IN~~
ANGER. WHEN ALL EFFORTS HAVE
BEEN DONE TO STRAIGHTEN THINGS

11. OUT BUT FAILED THEN WITH-
DRAWAL MAY BE NECESSARY. 2nd THES.
5;14. NOW WE EXHORT YOU, BRETHREN,
WARN THEM THAT ARE YNRULY, COMFOR
~~THE FEEBLE MINDED~~, SUPPORT THE
WEAK, BE PATIENT TOWARD ALL MEN.
FORTH SHOULD BE AN EXAMPLE.
1st. PET.5;3. NEITHE BEING LORDS
OVER GOD'S HERITAGE, BUT BEING
ENSAMPLES TO THE FLOCK. EHE
LEADERS SHOULD NOT ONLY BE AN
EXAMPLE, THEY SHOULD MAKE SAC-
RIFICE AND DEVOTE AS MUCH TIME
AS POSSIBLE TO THE WORK AND
SERVICE OF THE CHURCH. 2nd.TIM.
4;15. MEDITATE ON THESE THINGS,
GIVE THYSELF WHOLLY TO THEM:
THAT THY PROFITING MAY APPEAR
UNTO ALL. (IN DOING THIS WE
CAN ~~ENJOY~~ EXPERIENCE THE JOY
OF SERVING THE LORD FAITHFULLY
IN THIS LIFE AND RECEIVE CROWN ?

Rev. 2:10 Be unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.
We must suffer with Him

FAITH.

HEB,11;6. But without Faith it is impossible to please him.

ROM. 10;17. So then faith cometh by hearing ,and Hby* H by the word of God.

REPENTENCE.

Acts 17;30. And the times of this ignorance God winked at but now.

Luke 13;3. I tell you nay.

CONFESSION.

Matt 10;32. Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess before my

ROM 10;10. For with the heart man believeth unto righteous,

Acts 8; 37. Phillip and eunuch.??

BAPTIZE.

Matt. 28;19. Go ye therefore

Mark 16;15,16. And he said unto them go ye into all the world

Gal 3;27. For as many of you as have been bapt. into C H P O C

1st Pet. 3;20,21. Which sometimes were disobedient when once the long suffering of God waited in the days of Noah while the ark was a preparing, where in few, that is 8 souls were saved by water, the like figure whereunto , even bapt. doeth also now save us. Acts 2;38.

IF IN ERROR.

If sin must Repent and prav for forgiveness,

1st.JNO.2;1. My little children these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Simon the sorcerer. wanted to buy the power that the Apostles had. Lay their hands on receive Holy Ghost. ~~told~~ thought ~~could buy power~~ gift of God could be bought with money, his heart was not right and he could have neither part nor lot in the matter, ~~because his heart was not right~~ Peter told him in 22nd. verse, Acts 8th. To, Repemt therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God . if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

~~James 5;16 confess faults one~~ to another

Rev. 2;16. Repent, or else I wi will come unto ~~you~~ thee quickly and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

Confess your faults one to another and Pray one for another. That ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a Righteous man availeth much.