

We Are The Church
Part Two
God's Plan More Than Our Plan
Matthew 16:17-18, Ephesians 4:11-13

Introduction

I will build my church!

God's master plan for the church is found in Ephesians 4:11-13

I. Master Plan of Leadership

Two offices are set forth in scripture.

A. Elders

1. Understanding the term Greek Poimen = Pastor or Shepherd = Caring for the flock. Elders, pastor, and shepherds are the same thing.
2. Plurality of Elders
 - a. Mutual accountability
 - b. The teaching elder/pastor is one among several elders
 - c. Authority belongs collectively to the entire group of elders.
 - d. The teaching pastor is subject to the authority of the elder board.
3. Qualification (1 Timothy 3:2-3, Titus 1:7-8)
4. Elders Job

B. Deacons

1. Term Servant or Ministries
2. Job
3. Qualification (1 Timothy 3:8-11)

II. Master plan for the Laity (Ephesians 4:11-12)

A. Works of service

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B. Reasons to serve

Conclusion

Our Value for today

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