

HOW DOES GOD LEAD HIS CHURCH?

Leadership in His Church

Titus 1:5

- I. **AN OVERVIEW OF ELDERSHIP** (Acts 20, 1Peter 5, 1Thes 5, Hebrews 13, 1Tim 3 & 5, Titus 1)
 - A. The terms Elder/Overseer/Shepherd

 - B. What do Elders do? They watch over, lead feed protect His flock

 - C. Who do Elders shepherd? His flock, the Church of God among them

 - D. How many Elders? A plurality of Godly men appointed by Him

- II. **THE DIRECTIVE FROM GOD THROUGH PAUL TO APPOINT GODLY ELDERS (5)**
 - A. Titus Left in Crete to address **what was lacking** in the churches (**5a**)

 - B. Titus **directed to appoint** godly, qualified, elders in every city (**5b**)
 1. **God commands it** in His Word, don't disregard it (**5; 2:15**)

 2. **God ultimately appoints** men to be elders of His Church
 - a) God appoints **through His Holy Spirit** (Acts 20)

 - b) God appoints **men who have an aspiration** to be elders (1Tim3:1)

 - c) God appoints **elders by means of Spirit filled men** who follow the exact requirements in **His Spirit inspired Word** (Acts 14, Titus 1:5-9, 1Tim 3:1-5)

NEXT WEEK

III. WHAT ARE **ELDERS RESPONSIBILITIES**? (Acts 20, 1 Peter 5, 1Tim 5:17, 1Thes 5, Heb 13:7, 17 , Titus 1:9-15)

IV. WHAT ARE **THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FLOCK** IN RELATION TO THEM? (Heb 13:7, 17-19, 1Thes 5:16-18, 1Tim 5:17)

IN TWO WEEKS

V. **THE QUALIFICATIONS OF ELDERS**, we should all meet (Titus 1:6-10; 1Timothy 3:1-5)