

## Church Finances

Week 18 The Church spends money on: 1. Pastors 2. Missionaries and 3. Widows only when necessary (i.e. Widows of those in Ministry) If the people in your Church are Discipled they will support its ministries. A Church that does not pay its bills is an embarrassment to the name of Jesus and should apologize to those it owes, immediately fix the problem, and consider a change in leadership (1 Tim. 3 Leaders must have a good reputation in the community) and “first be proven.” Study 2 Kings 4:7 Proverbs 3:9-10, 27-29, 1 Corinthians 9:1-27, 1 Timothy 5 (“Honor” = Support) Pastors are supported financially to “feed the sheep” (John 21), that is, to make sure that every Christian reaches maturity, Colossians 1:28 (memorize this verse).

## A Sinning Brother

Week 19 Sin is a real responsibility for Church leaders. If they do not deal with sin, then the leaders themselves are sinning. WRITE OUT the SPECIFIC STEPS to be taken by leaders. Note 1 Cor. 5 where you will destroy your Church if you neglect this.

Matthew 18, 1 Corinthians 4:14-5:13, 1 Timothy 5:19-25, Philemon (restoring a brother)

## New Testament Titles to Know

Ephesians 4:11-17 (READ the chapter)  
Apostles - The men who Jesus Himself instructed and gave this Title and miraculous powers in Matthew 10:1-10. These miracle deeds were the “signs of an Apostles” says 2 Corinthians 12:12.  
Prophets - The Old Testament Prophets and perhaps some in Acts. Note that in

Ephesians 2:20 it literally reads “The Apostles who are also Prophets.” Jesus and the Apostles who are also Prophets, are the foundation upon which you are built.” Evangelists and Pastor-Teachers preach ONLY ON THIS FOUNDATION!  
Evangelists - Men who announce the good news of Jesus Christ.

Pastors who are Teachers (this is the literal Greek phrase) - Pastor is a word for a Shepherd who Feeds Sheep. They feed by Teaching. Several words will describe the office:

- a. 1 Timothy 3:1-2 “the office of a bishop” or literally “Episcopos” means Overseer or a Foreman on a job site.
- b. Titus 1:5-9 Bishops ARE Elders (“presbuteros” lit. Older Ones) Those who are not New!
- c. Acts 20:17 Elders ARE Overseers (v. 20) and ARE Pastors (or Shepherds).

There are no other Leaders over a local Church. They are simply:

1. ELDERS (Older Ones or Presbyters)
2. OVERSEERS (Ones who keep an eye on things or Greek “Episcopos”)
3. PASTORS or SHEPHERDS (One who feeds and protects Sheep). Note that they are a GROUP of Men and never “a man” alone. The man among them that receives special training is simply a “Pastor who is also a Teacher.” He ministers with the other Leaders.

Disciple - A Student

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# THE BIBLE MASTERY DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM

## Part III

# TRAINING CHURCH LEADERS

1 Timothy 3:16-17 states that the Scriptures, which are God Breathed, will equip a person for every good work they will ever do for the Lord. In John 8 Jesus said He will free a person from slavery to sin through His Word (teachings).

This Study will follow the Bible's pattern in training you for Leadership. Remember that with God your character is everything! Bad character rather than godly is clear in James 3-4 A wise man is known "by his good behavior."

### Introduction

1. Church Leaders are always chosen because of their good character and faithfulness to their Lord. 1 Timothy 3, Titus 1. They are always chosen by other Leaders (not themselves!).
2. Church Leaders must be leading! Doing nothing means a man is not leading and should resign any position he holds to let others lead. Still, when learning, the Disciples went WITH Jesus, only listening at first, then serving, then outreaches, and finally leading others.
3. Church Leaders need to know the Bible Basics first. Jesus did not teach the Disciples the Basics of the Bible! They already had that BEFORE being called to be Disciples. This study assumes you are familiar, as they were, with the Bible. A Church Leader should have read the entire Bible through as a start. After this, a mastery of the following Books will train a Church Leader by reading EACH section through DAILY for at least 2 weeks. This is done WHILE THEY SERVE!

This Study Guide will cover those Books of Scripture which describe the Selection of Church Leaders. No one Selects or Ordains Themselves, and even the Apostles themselves are not exempt from being removed, says Galatians 1 - Remember Judas!).

**LEADERS ARE TRAINED BY DOING!**  
Leaders in Training should be with the Leaders who are already in Ministry positions. Watching and helping at first as the Disciples did. They should be in the Church Board Meetings and Interacting; though without authority. For two months their names should be posted, or made known to the Church, that they are being considered to be a Church Leader. This allows people to express any concerns they have about their character. At the end of two months time they are simply confirmed. No one became a Church Leader in the Bible by voting. "Let them first be proven" 1 Tim 3

### Part 3 Leadership Training Course

Read each section daily for at least one week. Focus on Leaders, Appointment of Leaders, Practices of the Church and What they Did and DID-Not do.

**#1 Gospel of John** The Gospel for Christians. Answers Who, What, When, Where, Why and How for all, and should be Mastered by every Believer. Describes what Scriptures Do, What Jesus Does, what the Spirit Does and what Believers are to be doing. Instruction on who is obligated to what!  
Week 1 John 1-6

Week 2 John 7-12  
Week 3 John 13-21

**Acts** Beginning of Christianity and the change from Jewish Jerusalem to the ends of the earth, or the Gentile Church.

Week 4 Acts 1-6  
Week 5 Acts 7-11  
Week 6 Acts 12-16  
Week 7 Acts 17-22  
Week 8 Acts 23-28

**1 Timothy** Explains the Structure of a Local Church. Define every word in chapter 3. Note "necessary" in 3:15  
Week 9 1 Timothy

**2 Timothy** Explains Discipleship in a Local Church. Who? How?  
Week 10 2 Timothy

**Titus** Planting a Local Church. How?  
Week 11 Titus

**1, 2 Corinthians** Fixing a Broken Local Church = The MIND OF CHRIST!  
Week 12 1 Corinthians 1-9  
Week 13 1 Corinthians 10-16  
Week 14 2 Corinthians 1-13

**Galatians** Restoring the Gospel to a Local Church.  
Week 15 Galatians

**How to Treat New Christians**  
Week 15 1 Thessalonians  
Week 16 2 Thessalonians  
Philemon (Interceding)

**Order in a Local Church**  
Week 17 James