

FCS1-3-07: Leadership Responsibility and Accountability

The Body of Christ is self-sufficient, through the Holy Spirit, to its loving edification and perpetual growth.

Leadership Responsibilities

Though leaders are over the working of the church in responsibility and office, they are servants to each member of the Body and accountable to it and ultimately unto Christ.

1 Peter 5:1-4 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: 2 **Feed the flock of God** which is among you, **taking the oversight thereof**, not by constraint, but **willingly**; not for filthy lucre, but **of a ready mind**; 3 Neither as being lords over *God's* heritage, but **being ensamples to the flock**. 4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, **ye shall receive** a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Hebrews 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for **they watch for your souls**, as **they that must give account**, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you.

Some qualities of a leader that make them responsible leaders:

- * **Charitable**: The love of God is evident within their testimony.
- * **Surrendered**: They submit themselves to Christ in every aspect of their life.
- * **Overcoming**: Though they are human and make mistakes, they strive for a pure conscience before Christ. No obstacle is too big for their God. Strong in spiritual warfare. This empowers them to assist others through their obstacles.
- * **Committed**: They lay down their lives for the Gospel and for the church.
- * **Good Testimony**: They lead by example before they teach with their words.
- * **Integrity**: They live the same disciplines that they admonish everyone else to live with.
- * **Trustworthy**: Other people trust them with their own hearts and cares because they continue to trust God for theirs.
- * **Hospitable**: Approachable and naturally caring for the spiritual welfare of others.
- * **Conclusion**: They are worthy of submission to and following of their proven faith!

Acts 20:26-28 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that **I am pure** from the **blood of all men**. 27 For **I have not shunned** to declare unto you **all the counsel of God**. 28 Take heed therefore **unto yourselves**, 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**.

1 Timothy 3:1-15 This *is* a true saying, If a man desire the office of a **bishop**, he desireth a good **work**. 2 A bishop then must be **blameless**, the husband of one wife, **vigilant, sober**, of **good behaviour**, given to **hospitality, apt to teach**; 3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but **patient**, not a brawler, not covetous; 4 One that **ruleth well** his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; 5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) 6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. 7 Moreover he must **have a good report** of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and

the snare of the devil. 8 Likewise *must* the **deacons** *be* grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; 9 **Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.** 10 And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being ***found* blameless.** 11 Even so *must* *their* wives *be* grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. 12 Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. 13 For they that have used the office of a deacon well **purchase** to themselves a **good degree**, and great **boldness in the faith** which is in Christ Jesus. 14 These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: 15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

1 Peter 4:7-11 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. 8 And **above all things** have **fervent charity** among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. 9 Use **hospitality** one to another without grudging. 10 As every man hath received the gift, ***even so*** minister the same one to another, as **good stewards** of the manifold **grace of God.** 11 If any man speak, *let him speak* as the oracles of God; if any man minister, *let him do it* as of the ability which God giveth: **that God** in all things may be **glorified through Jesus Christ**, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Support and Edification

Christ gave to His church, men and women to tend to the work of the ministry. These servants of Christ are human (and will make mistakes) just like all the other people that are in the Body of Christ, but they give their lives in submission to His call and purpose. Christ has therefore charged them with certain responsibilities to support and edify His people.

Matthew 20:25-28 But Jesus called them *unto him*, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. 26 But it shall not be so among you: but **whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;** 27 And whosoever will be **chief** among you, let him be **your servant:** 28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but **to minister**, and to **give his life** a ransom for many.

Ephesians 4:11-13 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 **For the perfecting** of the saints, for the **work of the ministry**, for the **edifying** of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in **the unity of the faith**, and of **the knowledge of the Son of God**, unto **a perfect man**, unto the **measure of the stature** of the **fulness of Christ:**

Philippians 2:19-22 But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state. 20 For I have no man likeminded, **who will naturally care for your state.** 21 For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's. 22 But ye know the proof of him, that, **as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel.**



Leadership are Placed Into Position

Those offices of leadership are placed into position by Christ and scripture. Those individuals that are appointed to these positions are placed by the governments (administrations) of the estate of the elders. These elders carefully select these leaders through Biblical process and training.

Acts 6:3-7 Wherefore, brethren, **look ye out among you** seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, **whom we may appoint** over this business. 4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. 5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: **and they chose** Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: 6 Whom **they set** before the apostles: and when **they had prayed**, they **laid their hands on them**. 7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

1 Timothy 5:17-19 Let the elders that **rule well** be counted worthy of double honour, especially they **who labour in the word and doctrine**. 18 For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer *is* worthy of his reward. 19 Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.

Titus 1:5-9 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest **set in order** the things that are wanting, and **ordain elders in every city**, as I had appointed thee: 6 If any be **blameless**, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. 7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the **steward** of God; **not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre**; 8 But a **lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate**; 9 **Holding fast the faithful word** as he hath been taught, that **he may be able by sound doctrine** both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

Leadership Give Account

*Leaders give account to their leaders and most importantly, they give account to Christ. They give account for how and what they ministered to others within the Body of Christ. On the other side of giving account **for how and what they give**, they also give account for the **things they did not give** (when it was due to be given and they did not give it).*

Matthew 25:34-40 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed *thee*? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? 38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed *thee*? 39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, **Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.**



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John 21:15-18 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, **Feed my lambs.** 16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, **Feed my sheep.** 17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, **Feed my sheep.** 18 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry *thee* whither thou wouldest not.

Romans 14:12 So then **every one of us** shall **give account** of **himself** to **God**.



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Question 1

As described in Matthew:25-28, the greatest among you is a servant to others.

True

False

True/False

Question 2

As described in Ephesians 4:11-13, when there is edification in the body of Christ, there will also be:

The spirit of Korah.

Striving for perfection.

Knowledge of the will of God in our lives.

Unity of the faith.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 3

As described in Philippians 2:19-22, the mind will naturally want to take care of the needs of others.

True

False

True/False

Question 4

As described in 1 Peter 5:1-6, what benefits will be realized in the body of Christ when the elders feed the flock of God.

We will receive a crown of glory.

There will be a ready mind to do God's will.

The pride of life will result.

There will be humility.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 5

As described in Hebrews 13:17, those who have the rule over us will give account for their ministry.

True

False

True/False



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Question 6

As described in Acts 20:26-28, it is essential that overseers feed the church of God.

True

False

True/False

Question 7

As described in 1 Timothy 3:1-15, what qualities must bishops and deacons possess?

Blameless.

Greedy of filthy lucre.

The husband of one wife.

Sober.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 8

As described in 1 Peter 4:7-11, Christ suffered in the flesh so that we would:

Speak as the oracles of God.

Have fervent charity one to another.

Be given to hospitality.

Be a slothful steward.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 9

As described in John 21:15-18, we must feed Jesus' sheep.

True

False

True/False

Question 10

As described in Romans 14:12, we will give account of our ministry to God

True

False

True/False



Question 11

As described in Acts 6:3-7, Jesus disciples were chosen because they:

Prayed when they felt like it.

Were full of the Holy Ghost.

Were full of wisdom.

Had an honest report.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 12

As described in 1 Peter 5:17-19, the elders who labor in the word and doctrine should be worthy of double honor.

True

False

True/False

Question 13

As described in Titus 1:5-9, a bishop must:

Become a gainsayer.

Be self-willed.

Be given of filthy lucre.

Be the steward of God.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)



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