

## THE CHURCH AT BROOK HILLS

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**THE GOSPEL AND CHURCH LEADERSHIP**  
**1 Timothy 3:1-16**

### Foundations...

- The Bible identifies two primary leadership roles in the church...
  - ▶ \_\_\_\_\_, who are servant leaders.
  - ▶ \_\_\_\_\_, who are leading servants..
- Church leadership is designed by God...
  - ▶ To be a display of His \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ▶ To be dependent on His \_\_\_\_\_.

### Four Responsibilities of Elders...

- \_\_\_\_\_ under the authority of Christ.
  - ▶ Elders belong to the church...
    - They are appointed by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  - ▶ The church belongs to Christ...
    - Elders are accountable to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- \_\_\_\_\_ for the body of Christ.
  - ▶ Elders \_\_\_\_\_ the flock.
  - ▶ Elders \_\_\_\_\_ the flock.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of Christ.
  - ▶ Elders \_\_\_\_\_ the Word extensively.
  - ▶ Elders \_\_\_\_\_ the Word effectively.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the character of Christ.
  - ▶ The Primary Question: What will happen if the church \_\_\_\_\_ this leader?
  - ▶ In his personal life...
    - Is he self-controlled?
    - Is he \_\_\_\_\_?
    - Is he peaceable?
    - Is he \_\_\_\_\_?
    - Is he a \_\_\_\_\_ giver?
    - Is he humble?
    - Is he patient?
    - Is he honest?
    - Is he \_\_\_\_\_?
  - ▶ In his family life...
    - Is he the elder in his \_\_\_\_\_?
    - If he is single, is he self-controlled?
    - If he is married, is he \_\_\_\_\_ committed to his wife?

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### Foundations...

- The Bible identifies two primary leadership roles in the church...
  - ▶ **Elders** who are servant leaders.
  - ▶ **Deacons** who are leading servants..
- Church leadership is designed by God...
  - ▶ To be a display of His **glory** .
  - ▶ To be dependent on His **Gospel** .

### Four Responsibilities of Elders...

- **Lead** under the authority of Christ.
  - ▶ Elders belong to the church...
    - They are appointed by the **Spirit** of God.
  - ▶ The church belongs to Christ...
    - Elders are accountable to the **Son** of God.
- **Care** for the body of Christ.
  - ▶ Elders **protect** the flock.
  - ▶ Elders **nurture** the flock.
- **Teach** the Word of Christ.
  - ▶ Elders **know** the Word extensively.
  - ▶ Elders **communicate** the Word effectively.
- **Model** the character of Christ.
  - ▶ The Primary Question: What will happen if the church **imitates** this leader?
  - ▶ In his personal life...
    - Is he self-controlled?
    - Is he **wise** ?
    - Is he peaceable?
    - Is he **gentle** ?
    - Is he a **sacrificial** giver?
    - Is he humble?
    - Is he patient?
    - Is he honest?
    - Is he **disciplined**?
  - ▶ In his family life...
    - Is he the elder in his **home** ?
    - If he is single, is he self-controlled?
    - If he is married, is he **completely** committed to his wife?
    - If he has children, do they **honor** him?

- Is he has children, do they \_\_\_\_\_ him?
- ▶ In his social/business life...
  - Is he kind?
  - If he \_\_\_\_\_?
  - Is he a \_\_\_\_\_ of strangers?
  - Does he show favoritism?
  - Does he have a \_\_\_\_\_ reputation?
- ▶ In his spiritual life...
  - Is he making disciples of all nations?
  - Does he love the Word?
  - Is he a man of \_\_\_\_\_?
  - Is he holy?
  - Is he \_\_\_\_\_?

### Three Responsibilities of Deacons...

- \_\_\_\_\_ according to the Word.
  - ▶ Arise from specific \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ▶ Accountable for specific \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the ministry of the Word.
  - ▶ Deacons serve elders so they can \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ▶ Deacons lead others so they can \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the body around the Word.
  - ▶ Qualifications...
    - A \_\_\_\_\_ Mindset.
    - A \_\_\_\_\_ Character.
  - ▶ Questions...
    - Is this person honorable?
    - Is this person \_\_\_\_\_?
    - Is this person self-controlled?
    - Is this person a sacrificial giver?
    - Is this person devoted to the \_\_\_\_\_?
    - Is this person \_\_\_\_\_?
    - Is this person blameless?
    - Is this person honoring Christ in the \_\_\_\_\_?
    - Is this person \_\_\_\_\_?

### The Bottom Line...

- The church \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ servant leaders who are wholeheartedly committed to accomplishing the mission of Christ.
- The church \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ leading servants who use their gifts to build up the body of Christ.
- The church is comprised of \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel throughout the world.

- ▶ In his social/business life...
  - Is he kind?
  - Is he **hospitable** ?
  - Is he a **friend** of strangers?
  - Does he show favoritism?
  - Does he have a **blameless** reputation?
- ▶ In his spiritual life...
  - Is he making disciples of all nations?
  - Does he love the Word?
  - Is he a man of **prayer** ?
  - Is he holy?
  - Is he **gracious** ?

### Three Responsibilities of Deacons...

- **Meet needs** according to the Word.
  - ▶ Arise from specific **circumstances**.
  - ▶ Accountable for specific **commands**.
- **Support** the ministry of the Word.
  - ▶ Deacons serve elders so they can **lead**.
  - ▶ Deacons lead others so they can **serve**.
- **Unify** the body around the Word.
  - ▶ Qualifications...
    - A **Mission** Mindset.
    - A **Christlike** Character.
  - ▶ Questions...
    - Is this person honorable?
    - Is this person **genuine** ?
    - Is this person self-controlled?
    - Is this person a sacrificial giver?
    - Is this person devoted to the **Word** ?
    - Is this person **faithful** ?
    - Is this person blameless?
    - Is this person honoring Christ in the **home** ?
    - What about **women** ?

### The Bottom Line...

- The church **appoints** and **follows** servant leaders who are wholeheartedly committed to accomplishing the mission of Christ.
- The church **affirms** and **honors** leading servants who use their gifts to build up the body of Christ.
- The church is comprised of **ministers** who **multiply** the Gospel throughout the world.