

“Leadership in the Church”

Prov. 29:18

Introduction

- I. In all aspects of life there needs to be good leadership.
- II. Without good leadership, the church of Christ will not be as strong as it should be.

Discussion

- I. Ultimately, it is The Holy Spirit that establishes leadership in the church (Acts 20:28).
 - A. Not all men in the church of Christ are ready to be leaders (Heb. 5:12; 1 Pet. 2:2).
 - B. Not all men in the church of Christ will work the way that they should (Matt. 25:14-30).
- II. The elders of a congregation are to serve under the leadership of Christ (1 Pet. 5:1-4; Eph. 5:25).
 - A. Elders must meet the qualifications (1 Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9).
 - B. Elders are the overseers of the local congregation (Acts 20:28; Heb. 13:7, 17; 1 Tim. 5:17).
- III. The deacons of a congregation are special servants (cf. Acts 6; Phil. 1:1).
 - A. Deacons do not have oversight of the local congregation.
 - B. Deacons must be qualified to do the work appointed to them (1 Tim. 3:8-11).
- IV. The preacher is to preach the Word (1 & 2 Timothy).
 - A. The preacher does not have any oversight of the local congregation.
 - B. The preacher labors under the oversight of the local elders (Titus 2:15).
- V. There should be adequate teaching and preparation for future leaders (2 Tim. 2:2).
 - A. Many congregations are struggling to find men that are able to serve in leadership.
 - B. Each generation needs to be taught so that they can be prepared.

Conclusion

- I. Leadership in the church of Christ is extremely important.
- II. We should appreciate those that lead amongst us.