

Leadership: What a Concept

Pastor Dan Phillips

November 18, 2012

Copperfield Bible Church

Series – Titus: Sound Doctrine, Sound Life (Part 8)

II. Sound Doctrine and Church Leadership (1:5-16)

A. Select Elders to Lead the Church (1:5-9)

1. The task Paul set: install the right men (1:5)

For this reason I left you behind in Crete: that you might set straight the things remaining *to be done*, and *that* you might install¹ elders city by city, as I myself directed you – (DJP)

a. The concept of leadership

i. Psalm 75:6-7 (DJP)

For not from the east or from the west
nor from the desert *comes* exaltation.

For God is Judge;
this one He abases, and this one He exalts.

ii. Psalm 103:19 (DJP)

In the heavens has Yahweh established His throne
and His kingdom rules over all.

iii. Daniel 4:17, 25

iv. Romans 13:1-2 (DJP)

Let every soul keep subordinating itself to superior authorities, for there is not authority except *established* by God, and those which are stand appointed by God.² Wherefore, the one who opposes the authority has resisted the institution of God, and those who have resisted will receive judgment against themselves.

b. The obligations of leadership

i. Gen 3:8-9

ii. Luke 12:48b

iii. James 3:1

iv. Heb. 13:17

¹Or “appoint.”

c. Leadership in the church

i. Misconceptions

ii. Data

(1) There is an office that leads within the local church

(a) Acts 14:23

(b) 1 Thess. 5:12-13

(c) Heb. 13: 17 (DJP)

Obey those who are leading you and yield *to them*, for they themselves keep watch for your souls as *men who* will give an account — in order that they may do this with joy and not groaning, for this *would be* unprofitable for you.

(2) The office is a gift

(a) – of God (Rom. 13:1-7)

(b) – of Christ (Eph. 4:8-11)

(c) – of the Holy Spirit (Acts 20:28)

(3) The office goes by several titles

(a) Pastor (Eph. 4:11; cf. Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:2)

(b) Elder (Acts 14:23; 15:2; 1 Tim. 5:17-19; Titus 1:5; James 5:14; 1 Pet. 5:1)

(c) Overseer (1 Tim. 3:1-2; Titus 1:7)

(d) Steward (Titus 1:7; cf. 1 Cor. 4:1-2)

(e) Leader (Heb. 13:7, 17; cf. 1 Thess. 5:12)

iii. In sum: