

JON'S SERMON OUTLINE....

LOOKING FOR LEADERS, PART 1

For this reason, I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you. Titus 1:5

Introduction: Our elders here at the Southwest Church of Christ have decided that it is time to consider additional leadership. They are humbly seeking your input and prayers, and have asked me, your pulpit minister, to preach some sermons on church leadership. Today's sermon is part 1 of a four-part series. We'll begin today by looking at the titles and terms used for such leaders and, in the 3 weeks following, we will discuss the qualifications of elders.

1. THE NEED FOR CHURCH LEADERSHIP:

- a. For conduct that pleases God (1 Timothy 3:14-15, 1-8, Titus 1:5).
- b. For clarity that promotes growth (Ephesians 4:11-16).

2. THE NAMES FOR CHURCH LEADERS:

a. THE TITLES GIVEN (Ephesians 4:11):

1) Apostles:

- a) They confirmed the Word (Mark 16:20, Heb. 2:3-4).
- b) They created the foundation (Ephesians 2:19-20).

2) Prophets:

- a) They were replaced by total revelation (1 Cor. 13:8-10).
- b) They were replaced by teachers (1 Peter 2:1).

3) Evangelists:

- a) Responsible for preaching and teaching (2 Timothy 4:2-5).
- b) Responsible for studying and saving (1 Timothy 4:11-16).

4) Pastors:

- a) Their initial appearance in Scripture (Acts 11:29-30).
- b) Their involvement with others (Acts 15:2-6, 1 Timothy 4:14).

5) Teachers (1 Corinthians 12:28, 1 Timothy 2:11-12).

6) Deacons (1 Timothy 3:1, 8-13).

b. THE TERMS USED FOR ELDERS:

- 1) "Presbuteros" – Elder/Presbyter (Titus 1:5, Acts 20:17,28).
- 2) "Episkipos" – Overseer/Bishop (Titus 1:7).
- 3) "Poimen" – Shepherd/Pastor (1 Peter 5:1-2).

CONCLUSION: God is looking for a few good souls.