



Sunday, July 16, 2006 • Dr. David Platt  
**ELDERS: SERVANT LEADERS OF THE CHURCH**  
**Acts 20:17-31**

**The Biblical Truth:**

A biblical model of church \_\_\_\_\_  
 is necessary for the church to display the glory of Christ.

**Four Responsibilities of Elders...**

■ \_\_\_\_\_ **Under the Authority of Christ.**

- ▶ Elders belong to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- They are appointed by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- ▶ The church belongs to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Elders are accountable to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

■ \_\_\_\_\_ **for the Body of Christ.**

- ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ the flock.
- ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ the flock.

■ \_\_\_\_\_ **the Word of Christ.**

- ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ the Word extensively.
- ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ the Word effectively.

■ \_\_\_\_\_ **the Character of Christ.**

- ▶ The Primary Question: What will happen if the church \_\_\_\_\_ this leader?
- ▶ In his \_\_\_\_\_ Life...
  - Is he self-controlled?
  - Is he \_\_\_\_\_?
  - Is he peaceable?
  - Is he \_\_\_\_\_?
  - Is he a sacrificial giver?
  - Is he \_\_\_\_\_?
  - Is he patient?
  - Is he honest?
  - Is he \_\_\_\_\_?

- ▶ In his \_\_\_\_\_ Life...
  - Is he the elder in his he \_\_\_\_\_?
  - If he is single, is he self-controlled?
  - If he is married, is he \_\_\_\_\_ committed to his wife?
  - If he has children, do they \_\_\_\_\_ him?
- ▶ In his \_\_\_\_\_ Life...
  - Is he kind?
  - Is he \_\_\_\_\_?
  - Is he a \_\_\_\_\_ of strangers?
  - Does he show favoritism?
  - Does he have a \_\_\_\_\_ reputation?
- ▶ In his \_\_\_\_\_ Life...
  - Is he making disciples of all nations?
  - Does he love the Word?
  - Is he a man of \_\_\_\_\_?
  - Is he holy?
  - Is he \_\_\_\_\_?

**The Bottom Line:**

In order to display the glory of Christ, the church  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
 servant leaders who are wholeheartedly committed  
 to accomplishing the mission of Christ.



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A biblical model of church **leadership**  
 is necessary for the church to display the glory of Christ.

**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.**
  - ▶ **Nurture** the flock.
  - ▶ **Protect** the flock.
- **Teach the Word of Christ.**
  - ▶ **Know** the Word extensively.
  - ▶ **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?
- ▶ 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**?

**The Bottom Line:**

In order to display the glory of Christ, the church  
**appoints** and **follows**  
 servant leaders who are wholeheartedly committed  
 to accomplishing the mission of Christ.