

1 Timothy 3:1-13

FF#8. Watching Over Your Souls: Leadership

3 Messages ...

I. A Sermon on Church Office

- A. God's Provision
- B. Qualified

II. A Charge to the Officers

- A. Character
- B. Calling

III. A Charge to the Congregation

- A. Support
- B. Submission

... for one body.

Children, Listen ...

1. God has provided us with leaders for our church called elders and deacons. Each family has an elder and deacon to watch over them. Do you know who your family elder and deacon are? If not, ask your parents.
2. Will you take a moment to pray for them today?
3. Why is it important that the leaders of the church believe that the Bible really is the Word of God?
4. Why is it important that the leaders of the church follow Jesus' example when they lead?
5. If we have godly leaders will it be easier for us to encourage them and follow what they say? Why?

Leadership Matters

We are involved in a sermon series in the AM service that addresses each of our strategies that came out of our work with the revitalization ministry Fanning the Flame. The topics for the sermons are drawn from what are called "Strategies" which are drawn from our "Core Values" which are drawn from the Bible which is the sole authority to tell us what the church is all about. Apologies for not including these in past Fanning sermons. The rest of the core values and strategies as well as other important information can be found in the back of the church.

Core Value V. PRESBYTERIAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT

We believe that the Bible informs us on the orderly governing of Christ's church and that church officers are ordained to nurture, lead and protect and discipline the people of God in the local congregation.

Because we believe this we will ...

- Empower humble and godly men who are called to serve in the position of elder and deacon
- Promote the practice of submission to their leadership as God's servants

Assumptions: Because the Presbyterian form of church government best reflects Biblical church structure and practice we will function under the representative authority of the Session, Presbytery and General Assembly.

Strategy #8. BECAUSE A HEALTHY CHURCH PRIORITIZES LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WE WILL...

- Make sure all leaders understand and are committed to our vision
- Train youth for future leadership
- Conduct teacher training continually
- Encourage Bible based leadership in the home
- Assess development needs for proven leaders
- Develop a process for identifying and mentoring potential leaders
- Determine gifts related to leadership