

## Godly Leaders

1 Timothy 3:1-13; Coast Community; Pastor Earl Miles; 5-21-17

### Importance of Leadership

We all have moments and seasons and relationships and opportunities of leadership. Leadership comes in different forms: influence, relationships and assignments. The question is: *How should we think about leadership?* (Matthew 20:24-28) First of all, we should think about it as important! The disciples got that right!

Judges 5:2; Hosea 4:9; 2 Kings 21:20-21

We should think of leadership as ...

#### 1. Leadership as stewardship.

We need to think about leadership in all areas of life (home, work, church, world) as a divine stewardship in which we are servants of God who has entrusted people and things to us that really belong to Him.

1 Kings 20:35-43; 1 Timothy 3:5; Titus 1:7a; 2 Kings 20:5; Ezekiel 16:21

#### 2. Leadership as vision.

We need to think of leadership as providing a verbal and visual vision for people to follow.

Judges 9:48; 1 Timothy 3:2; 1 Peter 5:3; Titus 1:9; Proverbs 29:18; Acts 6:3

#### 3. Leadership as family life.

We need to think of leadership as the loving care of a household.

Luke 15:1-2, 11-12, 20, 31-32; 1 Timothy 3:4; 1 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 5:2-3

#### 4. Leadership as qualified imperfection.

We need to think of leadership as requiring proper qualification without requiring perfection. – Acts 13:22 (from 1 Samuel 13:14)

1 Timothy 3:2-3; 1 Timothy 3:8-9; Romans 7:21-25; 1 Timothy 1:15

### Conclusion

- The official offices of elder and deacon are reserved for men. – 1 Timothy 2:12

- New believers should not be appointed as elders but may serve in any other way in the body. – 1 Timothy 3:6
- There is no marriage requirement for elder or deacon. – 1 Corinthians 9:5
- There is no age requirement for elder or deacon. – 1 Timothy 4:12-13

**Application:**

- We need to be on the lookout for new leadership in the body.
- Our bylaws encourage the use of nominations from the body.
- Think about the message today.
- Read the information on the website about elders and deacons.
- Pray and nominate men as God lays them on your heart for us to consider.