

Restoring Biblical Eldership to the Church

Outline of the Nine Messages

Introduction to Restoring Biblical Eldership to the Church

- 1. The Problem: The Loss of the New Testament Teaching on Eldership.**
- 2. The Solution: Return to New Testament Teaching – Restoration, Recovery and Reformation.**

I. The New Testament Teaches and Models Both Plurality of Elders and Pastoral Eldership.

- 1. The Old Testament Witnesses to Government by the Plurality of Elders.**
- 2. Jesus Christ Established Plurality of Leadership for His Church.**
- 3. The New Testament Establishes Pastoral Leadership by the Plurality of Elders.**
 - A. Examples of Eldership
 - B. Instruction About Elders
 - C. Instruction and Exhortation to Elders
 - D. The Deficiency of a Church without Eldership
 - E. Eldership Promotes the True Nature of the Church.

II. Defining Biblical Eldership

- 1. Pastoral Oversight by a Plurality of Qualified Elders**
 - A. The General New Testament Concept of Eldership
 - B. Definition of Biblical Eldership
 - C. The Equality and Diversity within the Eldership
 - 2. New Testament Qualifications for Elders**
 - A. Spirit-given Desire
 - B. Objective Biblical Qualifications
 - C. Moral and Spiritual Qualifications
 - D. Abilities
 - E. Public Examination of a Candidate's Qualification
 - F. Public Appointment or Recognition
 - G. Pillars for Appointing Elders
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3. New Testament Roles for Pastoral Elders

- A. Teach (or Feed) the Church.
- B. Protect the Church.
- C. Leading the Church
- D. Healing and Caring for Practical Needs

Conclusion
