

Welcome to the Worship Celebration of



SIMPLY BIBLICAL | FAMILY INTEGRATED

Church – The Beginnings, Part 18

Simply Biblical Church Leadership – part 3

Acts 6:1-7 – O.T. Roots of Leadership



1. Brief Review from last week

See handout from last week (<https://NLFJI.org/msgs/?DID=284>)

2. Old Testament – the 70 Elders of Israel: Numbers 11:11-17,24-30

Moses was in the Role of chief Elder over Israel. The 70 became the standard ever after. God provided Israel with Eldership because of a CRISIS – AND - to help in the future, as well.

Eldership Leadership characteristics – compare with 1 Timothy 3:1-7 & Titus 1:5-9 (see the Eldership Handout [<https://NLFJI.org/elders>])

Overseer / Elders – leadership qualities – New Testament Model comes from Numbers 11

They are to be Examples to God's Flock – leaders in their family and in the church.

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One of the Qualities or Characteristics that is NOT shared with deacons is Teaching.

**In the New Testament Elders oversee the Spiritual Life of the local church:
Their Goal → disciples under their care are Growing in Christ according to His Word, Alone**

→ according to Pure Doctrine / Sound Doctrine (Eph. 4:11-16 – esp. 14)

They Lead and Protect the flock (Acts 20:28-31)

[Example: mama bear with her cubs]

3. Deacons – compare with the Leaders of 1000's, 100's, 50's, and 10's

Exodus 18:13-26 - compare with 1 Timothy 3:8-13 and Acts 6:1-7

Deacons must be TESTED first, before entering in → apprenticeship

Deacons are UNDER the Authority of the Eldership

Deacons are Action Team Leaders (see Acts 6:1-7) Servant Leaders, leading servants that DO ministry. Typically, physical, “rubber meets the road” kind of service. They seek to Meet needs, now.

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Deacons can be Elders in Training – great reward of faithfulness

Exodus 18:13-36 → Span of Care – Jethro Principle – Factor of 5

4. Why does God create and provide local church Leadership?

**ANSWER: God does not want complaints, and whining.
He wants us to seek Him for Solutions.**

His answer is Godly Leadership:

See the Patterns in Acts 6:1-7 , in Numbers 11, and in Exodus 18

In each case there was some sort of Crisis or Burnout that was going to happen unless God intervened. And God's Answer, consistently is Qualified Godly Leadership

→ Pastoral Eldership and/or Deacons

Span of Care – Jethro Principle – Factor of 5

**Let's Worship God ... Because of Who He is,
For What He has done, and What He is Yet
to do → He is the GREAT GOD, ALMIGHTY
WHO HAS ALL CONTROL OVER THE
WHOLE UNIVERSE and TIME...**

**ALL POWERFUL ALMIGHTY GOD
The GOD of ISRAEL**

