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God's Gift of Eldership

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God's Provision Comes from Three Main sources:

1. His Spirit
2. His Word
3. His Body

1 Peter 4:10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

John 10:11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Acts 20:28 Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

1 Peter 5:1-3 Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

Summary of the Duties of an Elder:

Feed, Guard, Guide, Correct and Nurture the Flock (Acts 20:28; 2 Timothy 4:2)

Teach the Word of God (1 Timothy 3:2)

Oversee Doctrinal Matters (Acts 15:6)

Pray for the sick (James 5:14)

Share in the Laying on of Hands to Confirm/Place (1 Timothy 4:14)

Direct the Affairs of the Church (1 Timothy 5:17)

Qualifications & Expectations of Elders

1 Timothy 3:1-7

A Charge to the Elders: (2 Timothy 4:1-5)

To summarize your role as an elder in scripture I'm asking you to do 10 things:

1. Pray & Seek
Pray for this body and me and seek the Lord for His direction and wisdom for us.
2. Love & Care
Love this body and care for this body of believers.
3. Teach & Correct
Teach God's Word and correct us as God leads you in love.
4. Provide & Protect
Provide support for the body and protect the church doctrinally.
5. Model & Manage
Model a life of Christ and manage the affairs of the church righteously.

Expectations of Congregation

1. Honor Your Elders

1 Timothy 5:17 The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.

2. Support Your Elders

1 Timothy 5:19 Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses.

3. Respect Your Elders

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.

4. Trust Your Elders

5. Submit to Your Elders

Hebrews 13:17 Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

Life Group Discussion

1. Discuss this week's memory verse:

1 Peter 4:10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

2. Why is eldership so important to the local church?

3. Discuss what you see the role of an elder to be in the church?

4. Have you ever been personally blessed through an elder?

5. What does this verse mean to you:

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