

SERMON OUTLINE

THE SKELETON OF THE CHURCH

TITUS 1:5-9

OCTOBER 2, 2022

Four Components to a Church's Leadership Structure:

- I. The elder's leadership is to be formational
 - Definition: The office of eldership is given in Scripture to provide spiritual nurture and protection for the church. Elders are to humbly shepherd the flock of Jesus Christ as under-shepherds through the faithful ministry of the Word and are to lead by godly example until the Chief Shepherd returns.
 - So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: ² shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; ³ not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. – 1 Peter 5:1-3
 - Elders are called to shepherd by knowing, leading, feeding, and protecting the sheep.
- II. The elder's leadership is to be appointed
- III. The elder's leadership is to be shared
- IV. The elder's leadership is limited

BENEDICTION: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.² He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. ³ He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. – Psalm 23