

The Importance of Good Leadership – Acts 14:23

I. Biblical Leaders

1. List at least three biblical leaders chosen by God:
(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____
2. According to Acts 14:23, elders were appointed in _____.
3. Titus was instructed to set in order the things which were _____. This included the appointment of _____. (Titus 1:5)
4. Men who serve as _____ obtain a good standing in the faith which is in Christ Jesus. (1 Timothy 3:13)

II. The Purpose of Good Leadership

5. Jesus said, "I am the good _____." (John 10:11)
6. The Holy Spirit has made elders to be _____ of the church of God. (Acts 20:28-31)
 - a. Shepherds protect the church from " _____ " (false teachers). (v. 29)
7. Good shepherds will hold fast to the _____ word. (Titus 1:9)
 - a. They will _____ and _____ those who contradict the word of God.
8. Good shepherds are humble _____. (Matthew 23:11–12)
9. Good shepherds will not be _____ over those entrusted to them, but lead by _____. (1 Peter 5:2-3)
10. Good shepherds will _____ for the sick and those weak in the faith. (James 5:14–15)

III. Good Leadership Requires Good "Follow-ship"

11. We are to esteem elders very highly in _____ for their work's sake. (1 Thess. 5:12–13)
12. We should be _____ to the elders because they watch out for our _____. It is up to us to see that our elders serve with _____ and not with _____. (Heb. 13:17)
13. "It is not desirable that we should leave the _____ of _____ and serve tables." (Acts 6:2)
14. Never give an _____ against an elder without good cause. (1 Timothy 5:19)

IV. The Last Word: The Importance of Leadership

15. Elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double _____. (1 Timothy 5:17)
16. Good church leaders will help us reach the end of our faith, the _____ of our souls. (1 Peter 1:8–9)