

Why More Elders and Deacons?

One might ask, “Why do we need more elders and deacons when we have good men currently serving and doing a fine job?” Actually, part of the question is part of the answer. One characteristic of a good, strong leadership is that it plans for the future. A leadership that is satisfied with the “status-quo” (keeping things the way they are now) will not be prepared for the challenges that might present themselves in the future. Remember the story Jesus told of the ten young maids waiting for the bridegroom (Matthew 25:1-13)? Five of the virgins were satisfied that they were prepared for the upcoming wedding, but soon discovered that they had not properly prepared and were locked out of the celebration. Many times, small churches with small leaderships, for instance, a church with only two elders, find themselves without an eldership when one elder suddenly resigns or dies. According to Titus 1:5, a congregation without elders is lacking in the New Testament pattern for local church organization. So, with the addition of more elders and deacons, we are making sure that our congregation maintains a strong leadership for both today and in the future.

Appointing qualified men to serve in the leadership of the congregation is a serious matter and must be approached with much prayer and study. Leading a church with a high rate of member involvement, takes a considerable amount of time, effort and energy in guiding the congregation in the direction of continued growth based on biblical truths. The addition of elders and deacons will assure that the church remains sound and faithful.

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