

ADDRESSING THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL ELDERS AT GGBC

I. The Need For More Elders

A. The Need For A _____ Of Elders Is _____

1. We see this first of all in the _____ scriptures
 - a. This was true in OT _____
 - b. There were elders in Israel in _____ day
 2. There were elders that developed in the _____, in the _____.
 3. Who were the _____ in the church, after the apostles?
 - a. _____ is the greek word *presbuteros* and it speaks of _____ who possessed wisdom in life & these were the _____ & pastors in the NT church
 - b. _____ is the Greek word *episkopos* and speaks of an _____ or superintendent. One who _____ over the people
 - c. _____ is the Greek word *poimen* and speaks of a _____ – one who oversees & _____ for the flock of God
 - d. These terms can be used _____, but not all elders are _____ / _____, but according to 1 Timothy 3, all elders should be able to teach & expound the _____.
- What is the difference between “*ordaining*” & “*appointing*” elders?

B. Scripture Seems To _____, But Not _____ A _____ Of Elders In A Local Church.

Titus 1:1-5

“set in order” (epidiorthoo) =

“appoint” (kathistemi) =

- Was this done in other places? (Acts 14:21-23)
- What should be the *character qualities* that we should look for in elder (Titus 1:6-9; 1Timothy 3:1-7)

**C. 2ndly I’m Getting Older And Would Like To See The Things That Are _____ Here,
_____ Up & _____ Here At GGBC**

Our Constitution states...

- What this means is that I am asking for your input on 2 things:
 - 1) Are there _____ you think I should consider as possible _____ here at GGBC, and
 - 2) Do you have _____ with either Joe or Nate as to their possible _____ from being elders here, based on the biblical criteria stated in Titus 1 & 1 Timothy 3?
- What about elders who _____ to measure up once they are named elders? (1 Tim 5:16-25)

“Corporate leadership” from the constitution...

The “deacon deficit” issue (Acts 6)

- What kind of men are we looking for? (Acts 6:3; 1Tim 3:8-12)
- How many men do we need?

The *mindset* of the Lord in His coming - Matthew 20:28

- So the bottom line is... we are seeking to _____ the things that are _____ here!