

What A Godly Church Wishes Elders Knew About The Church

(Genesis 11:6)

- Introduction:
1. Communication and understand are key elements to the success of any organization, including the Lord's church.
 2. Jesus said that a "house divided against itself cannot stand" (Matthew 12:25).
 3. If the church is to grow, its constituent parts much work together, and to do that, they must come to an understanding of each other.
 4. For the next few weeks, the lessons will be designed to enhance our understanding of one another so that we might function better as a church.

I. A Godly Church Wishes Elders Would Seek The Good Of The Church

- A. (1 Peter 5:1-3) Not as lords.
- B. (Ezekiel 34:2).

II. A Godly Church Wishes Elders Knew The Word Of God

- A. (1 Timothy 3:2, 6).
- B. (Titus 1:9-11).

III. A Godly Church Wishes Elders Would Communicate With The Church

- A. (Genesis 11:6).
- B. Communication builds trust.
- C. Communication enhances involvement.

IV. A Godly Church Wants Elders Who Will Lead and Not Just Direct

- A. (Matthew 23:1-3).
- B. (1 Peter 5:3).

V. A Godly Church Wants Elders To Serve As Shepherds, Not Just Administrators

- A. (Acts 20:28).
- B. (1 Peter 5:2).
- C. Elders should know the church they serve (A shepherd should smell like sheep).

VI. A Godly Church Wants Elders To Recognize And Utilize The Talents Of The Church

- A. (Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12) The church is a body consisting of different members.
- B. Use people within the scope of their talents.
- C. Too often, leaders settle for availability rather than talents.

- Conclusion:
1. In order for a church to be great, it must be united.
 2. In order for a church to be united, it must recognize and understand its diverse responsibilities and roles.