# 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.