

Empower Your Church: Finding Faithful Elders and Deacons

The health and vitality of a church hinge on its leadership. Elders and deacons play a crucial role in shepherding the flock, providing spiritual direction, and ensuring the smooth functioning of the church. In his comprehensive book, "Finding Faithful Elders and Deacons," Mark Dever offers a practical guide to identifying and appointing leaders who will serve your church with integrity and faithfulness.

Chapter 1: The Biblical Qualifications

Dever begins by laying the biblical foundation for selecting elders and deacons. He meticulously examines the qualifications outlined in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1, providing clear explanations and practical insights. From character traits like being above reproach, temperate, and hospitable to doctrinal adherence and a proven track record of godliness, Dever highlights the essential qualities that must be present in potential leaders.



Finding Faithful Elders and Deacons (9Marks)

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Chapter 2: The Process of Selection

Moving beyond the biblical qualifications, Dever delves into the practical aspects of selecting elders and deacons. He outlines a step-by-step process that begins with identifying candidates and involves careful assessment, interviews, and a vote by the congregation. Dever emphasizes the importance of prayer, transparency, and a commitment to following biblical guidelines throughout the selection process.

Chapter 3: Training and Development

Once leaders have been appointed, it is crucial to invest in their ongoing training and development. Dever discusses the importance of providing opportunities for theological education, practical discipleship, and mentorship. He offers practical tips and resources for churches to establish effective training programs that will equip their leaders for effective ministry.

Chapter 4: Accountability and Discipline

While elders and deacons are expected to lead with integrity, it is also essential to establish mechanisms for accountability and discipline. Dever covers both the biblical basis for church discipline and the practical steps involved in addressing sin and misconduct among leaders. He emphasizes the importance of balancing grace with truth and maintaining the purity and integrity of the church.

Chapter 5: The Role of Women

Dever acknowledges the ongoing debate regarding the role of women in church leadership. He provides a balanced and nuanced examination of the relevant biblical passages, considering both complementarian and egalitarian perspectives. Dever offers practical guidance for churches to navigate this complex issue while remaining faithful to Scripture.

Chapter 6: A Vision for the Future

In the concluding chapter, Dever challenges readers to embrace a vision for the future of their churches. He outlines the importance of developing and implementing a strategic plan that focuses on equipping the saints for ministry, reaching the lost, and making disciples. Dever encourages churches to embrace a culture of leadership development and to invest in the next generation of leaders.

Benefits of Reading "Finding Faithful Elders and Deacons"

- * Gain a thorough understanding of the biblical qualifications for elders and deacons.
- * Follow a step-by-step process for identifying, selecting, and appointing leaders.
- * Discover practical ways to train and develop your leaders for effective ministry.
- * Establish mechanisms for accountability and discipline to maintain the purity of your church.
- * Navigate the complex issue of women in church leadership with biblical wisdom and practical guidance.
- * Develop a strategic plan for the future of your church, focusing on leadership development and disciple-making.

Target Audience

"Finding Faithful Elders and Deacons" is an invaluable resource for:

- * Pastors and church leaders
- * Deacon boards and elder boards
- * Deacons and elders
- * Church members interested in leadership and ministry

In "Finding Faithful Elders and Deacons," Mark Dever provides a comprehensive and practical guide to identifying and appointing leaders who will serve your church with integrity and faithfulness. By following the biblical principles and practical guidance outlined in this book, you can empower your church for effective ministry and ensure its continued health and vitality for generations to come.

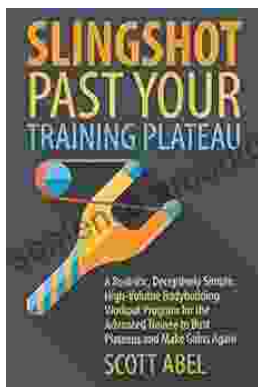


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