

Being the Church in our Generation – Godly Leadership Acts 2:42-47

The local church is to be known as:

- I. An assembly of true disciples
- II. Being Joyfully tenacious in evangelism
- III. Believers walking in Love & holiness
- IV. Having Christ-like leaders
 1. Acts 6:1-7
 2. Acts 14:19-23
 3. Acts 20:17-24

Two General Truths:

1. Every church needs Spirit-filled, gifted, broken, equipped servant-leaders who oversee the welfare of the church for God's glory & other's good.
2. Oswald Chambers - "*We are to be completely & entirely identified with God's interests in others' lives*"

Biblical principles on Leadership:

1. 2 Timothy 2:1-7 Page #1191
 - ~ Believers (especially men), are to be people of grace & show themselves faithful by being spiritual reproducers.
2. 1 Timothy 3:1-7
 - ~ Believers (especially men), must be above reproach with their lifestyle.
3. 1 Timothy 3:2

~ Believers (especially men), must be willing to become skilled in teaching the Gospel.

4. 1 Timothy 5:17-18

~ Believers (especially men), must be willing to highly value, encourage & support Godly leadership.

5. 1 Timothy 5:19-20

~ Believers (especially men), must be willing to sharpen, lovingly confront & faithfully oppose sinful attitudes & behavior that do not match our calling in ourselves & others.

A.W. Tozer said, *"The meek man is not a human mouse afflicted with a sense of his own inferiority. Rather he may be in his moral life as bold as a lion and as strong as Samson; but he has stopped being fooled about himself. He has accepted God's estimate of his own life. He knows he is as weak and helpless as God has declared him to be, but paradoxically, he knows at the same time that he is in the sight of God of more importance than angels. In himself, nothing; in God, everything. That is his motto."*