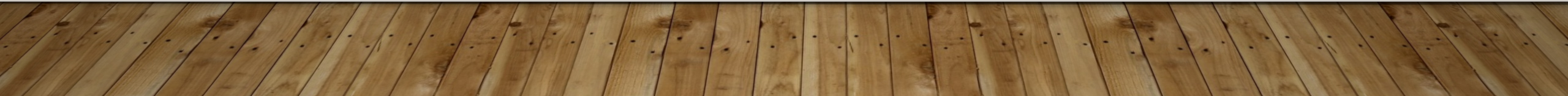


THE STRUCTURE OF THE CHURCH

18 AND I ALSO SAY TO YOU THAT YOU ARE PETER, AND ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH, AND THE GATES OF HADES SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT. (MATTHEW 16:18)



THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHURCH

- Deuteronomy 26:16 – 19
- Matthew 16:13 – 19
- II Peter 1:11
- Galatians 3:26 – 29
- Ephesians 4:4 – 6
- Acts 2:37 – 47
- John 3:1 – 8
- Matthew 28:18 – 20

THE STRUCTURE OF THE CHURCH

- The Head: Christ
 - Ephesians 1:22 – 23
 - Ephesians 5:23
 - I Corinthians 11:3

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- The Head: Christ
- Earthly Overseers: Elders
 - Ephesians 4:11 – 16
 - Philippians 1:1 – 2
 - Titus 1:5
 - I Timothy 3:1 – 7
 - Titus 1:5 – 9

THE CHARACTER OF AN ELDER:

- Above Reproach
- Husband of one wife
- Temperate
- Prudent
- Respectable
- Hospitable
- Able to Teach
- Not Addicted to wine
- Not Pugnacious
- Gentle
- Uncontentious
- Not Greedy
- A Good Manager of his own household
- Obedient, Believing Children
- A Seasoned Follower of Christ
- A good reputation in the community

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 - Ephesians 4:11 – 16
 - Philippians 1:1 – 2
 - Titus 1:5
 - 1 Timothy 3:1 – 7
 - Titus 1:5 – 9
 - 1 Timothy 3:1
 - Titus 1:10 – 16
 - Acts 20:28
 - 1 Peter 5:1 – 4
 - John 10:11 – 16
 - 1 Peter 5:5 – 7
 - Hebrews 13:17
 - 1 Timothy 5:19 – 20
 - 1 Timothy 5:17 – 18

THE STRUCTURE OF THE CHURCH

- The Head: Christ
- Earthly Overseers: Elders
- Servants of the Church: Deacons
 - Acts 6:1 – 7
 - Philippians 1:1 – 2
 - 1 Timothy 3:8 – 13

THE CHARACTER OF A DEACON:

- Honorable
- Not double-tongued
- Not addicted to wine
- Not Greedy
- Faithful with a clear conscience
- Tested
- Deacons' wives are also to be honorable, and not gossips
- Their wives must also be Temperate and Faithful
- Husbands of only one wife
- Good managers of their own families

THE STRUCTURE OF THE CHURCH

- The Head: Christ
- Earthly Overseers: Elders
- Servants of the Church: Deacons
- Evangelists, Ministers, & Preachers
 - Acts 8:31 – 35
 - Ephesians 4:11 – 16
 - 2 Timothy 2:1 – 2
 - 1 Timothy 4:6 – 11
 - 1 Timothy 4:12 – 16
 - 2 Timothy 4:1 – 5