

SESSION XI

THE PASTOR AS BISHOP—

THE CHURCH'S ORGANIZATIONAL PRINCIPLES

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you. (Hebrews 13:17)

“Most of the problems that churches have are not doctrinal and they're not moral, they are _____.”

I. The Church Is the Organized Body of Jesus Christ.

“The church is not a corporation with Jesus as the president; it is a _____ with Jesus as the _____.”

1. In a body there is a _____ person.
2. In a body there is a _____ purpose.
3. In the body there is a _____ power.

“The body is not primarily an organization, it is an _____.”

4. In a body there is a _____ program.

II. How Then Is a Church to Be Organized?

1. A church is to be _____ led.

“You cannot have _____ without having _____.”

2. A church is _____ served.
- A. Where there is life, there is _____.
- B. Where there is growth, there are _____.
- C. Where there are problems, there are _____.

The solution in the early church was the creation of deacons.

Biblical qualifications for deacons:

- They are to have an established _____.
- They are to be _____ - _____.
- They are to be full of _____.

There is no job that only a _____ may do. There is no job that a deacon _____ do.

- D. Where there are solutions, there is even _____ growth.
3. A church is _____ operated.
- “Your job as a pastor is to help people _____, _____, and _____ their gifts.”
4. A church is to be _____ confirmed.

