Biblical Leadership:
Elders and Deacons (Part Two)

Why do a series on elders and deacons:

Because it's important to understand how Jesus has set up His church.
Because we need to raise up more elders.
Because we need to raise up deacons.
Because we have been learning more about eldership.

Elders are men who are responsible to Jesus Christ to lead, teach, protect, and equip His Church.
Deacons are women and men who have recognized positions of service in the church.

More about elder qualifications: (Titus 1:3-9)

Can a single man be an elder? (v.6)
    Could Paul have been an elder? Jesus?

Must an elder's children be believers? (v.6)
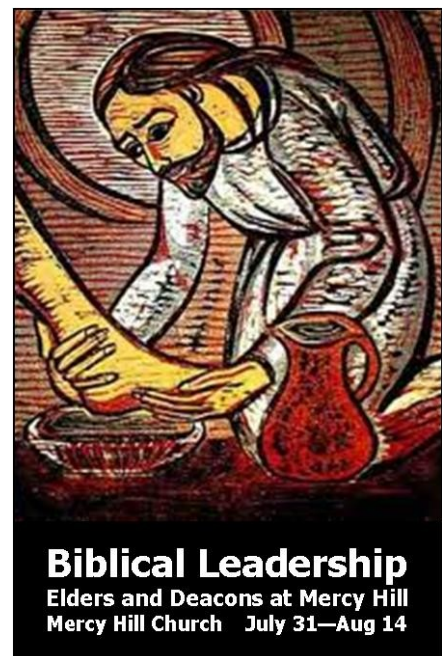   Compare the requirements of elders' children in 1 Tim 3:4-5.

How we will raise up elders at Mercy Hill:

Move towards being a home group leader.

Fill out the elder application.

Be assessed by a team of elders and wives.

Be presented to the Mercy Hill community for feedback

Be prayed-in on a Sunday morning

What Jesus calls the church to do towards the elders:

Hebrews 13:17

Matthew 18:15

Proverbs 17:9

A word to the men:

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HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

What do you think about a single man being an elder? Why do you think this would or would not be biblical?

Were you persuaded that an elders' children must be obedient and well-managed, but not necessarily believers? Why or why not?

What questions do you have about our process for raising up elders?

How often do you pray for our elders? Will that change after Sunday's teaching?

Do you have a desire to be an elder or deacon? What are you going to do about that desire?

What's your take-away from this message? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

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