

Revival by Design

Gifts for the Church - Lesson 3:

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STUDENT OUTLINE

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- I. Structure in the Church
 - a. Jesus works in and through us to complete His will
 - i. Mark 16:20
 - ii. 1 Corinthians 3:6, 9
 - b. The body has structure 1 Corinthians 12:27-31

- II. Jesus spoils the enemy though the church
 - a. OT times captives were stripped of most or all clothing. They had no weapons to hide, and were left in shame. This action came to symbolize defeat
 - b. Colossians 2:15
 - c. Ephesians 4:8

- III. Ministerial offices: 5-fold Ministry - Ephesians 4:11-16
 - a. Purpose: to equip the saints to minister, so the body will be built up.
 - b. Goal: maturity in faith, knowledge, doctrine, love, conduct

 - c. Apostle | Governing the Church
 - i. Meaning of Greek word: someone sent with a commission
 - ii. Galatians 2:8
 - iii. Acts 13:2-3
 - iv. The Twelve: They are unique as the founding leaders
 - v. Modern apostles are pioneer missionaries to an area or a group of people
 - vi. Leaders in the universal church

 - d. Prophet | Guiding the Church
 - i. Spokesman for God - Acts 15:32
 - ii. Even prophets and those who prophesy must be submitted to the body, and those in charge of that particular gathering - 1 Corinthians 14:29-33

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- e. Evangelist | Gathering the Church
 - i. bearer of glad tidings, i.e., preacher of the gospel, particularly to the unsaved
 - ii. Acts 8:5-8
 - iii. 2 Timothy 4:5

- f. Pastor (shepherd) | Guards the Church
 - i. 1 Peter 5:1-4
 - ii. One who guides and feeds the flock.
 - iii. Also called elder (presbyter), Acts 14:23; 15:2; 1 Timothy 5:17; Titus 1:5-9.
 - iv. Also called bishop (overseer), Acts 20:17, 28; 1 Timothy 3:1-7

- g. Teacher | Grounding the Church
 - i. Acts 13:1; 1 Timothy 3:2
 - ii. This gift is one of the most basic and entry level offices in the church. It is often combined with office of pastor.

IV. Church Government

- a. 1 Corinthians 12:28; Romans 12:8.
- b. Pastors for every church - Titus 1:5
 - i. Examples of senior pastor or leader in a city or other geographical area: James (Acts 15:13; 21:18), Paul, Timothy, Titus.

- c. Spiritual authority
 - i. We should submit to godly leaders, Romans 13:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; Hebrews 13:7, 17
 - ii. Leaders are to be servants and examples - Matthew 20:25-28, 1 Peter 5:2-4
 - iii. We cannot follow leaders into false doctrine or sin - 1 Corinthians 11:1, Galatians 1:8
 - iv. Leaders have authority regarding biblical teachings, principles; but cannot insist upon personal opinions as mandatory - II Timothy 3:15-17; 4:2.
 - v. Pastors have ultimate responsibility for the operation of the local church.
 - vi. They must be accountable