

# ORDER IN THE CHURCH

Titus 1:5

1. THE CHURCH AS THE EXTENSION OF GOD IN THE EARTH.
  1. Upon this rock I will build my church.
    1. Gates of hell not prevail.
    2. Keys of kingdom.
    3. Whatsoever shall bind on earth.
  2. The importance of the local church.
    1. God has set the solitary in families.
    2. God's expression in a locality to meet needs of people.
    3. God has placed his authority in local church.
  
2. THE LEADERSHIP.
  1. God's need for a man.
    1. God's government is theocracy.
    2. Delegated authorities.
  2. Plurality.
    1. Ordain elders in every city (Tit. 1:5).
    2. Ordain elders in every church (Acts 14:23).
  3. Qualifications of elders.
    1. Called.
    2. Faithful and proven.
  4. Duties of elders (I Peter 5:2).
    1. Feed the flock of God.
    2. Taking oversight.
      1. Heb. 13:17 - *"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."*

2. Acts 20:28 - *"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood..."*

(1) Grievous wolves shall enter, not sparing flock...

(2) Of your own selves men shall arise speaking perverse things..."

3. Not being lords, but examples to the flock.

4. James 5:14 - To minister to spiritual needs of the people.

5. Problems of discipline.

6. In multitude of counselors is safety.

### 3. THE VISION.

1. Unto principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God.

2. Set at liberty those who are bound.

3. Freely received, freely give.

### 4. THE POWER OF UNITY.

1. Confidence in leadership.

2. Everyone has a part.

3. Promotion comes from the Lord.

4. LET US JOIN OURSELVES TOGETHER TO DO THE WORK OF GOD IN CARTERSVILLE!

1. Unity does not mean uniformity. Uniformity implies a loss of identity and individuality. In the unity that exists in the church we maintain individuality, personality, unique expression and a variety of function, and yet we come into a corporate identification where we forfeit our rights to act independently of the rest of the members.