

The Messenger



“... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!” Romans 10:15

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An Expedient Procedure in the Selection and Appointment of Elders

Step One:

The congregation selects men according to the Holy Spirit's guidelines in I Timothy 3 and Titus 1.

- A. The congregation would include all members of this local body.
- B. Children who are Christians are only permitted to select men if their parents consider them mature enough to understand the qualifications, the men involved, God's purpose, and the gravity of the occasion:
 - 1. Have they truly studied this subject?
 - 2. Have they prayed continually for God's wisdom and guidance in the appointment of these men?
 - 3. Do they truly know these men?
 - 4. Will they select without partiality?
 - 5. Will their choices be based on objective study and knowledge of God's word or subjective feelings?

Step Two:

Write down the names of all men you believe are qualified on a slip of paper.

Step Three:

Give the names to one of the elders.

- A. Members may give their selections to the elders at any time.
 - B. The elders will keep a list of those who have participated.
 - C. All members of the congregation are to be made aware of the need for their involvement.
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Step Four:

The selection process will be announced at each assembly.

Step Five:

The majority (51%) will be determined by the number of those members who participate in this process by choosing qualified men, stating none are presently qualified, or stating other reasons for no selection.

Step Six:

The selection process will continue for two weeks beginning Sunday, February 22.

Step Seven:

By the morning of Sunday, March 8, men are selected by a majority of the participating members; the elders will privately ask them if they desire the work.

Step Eight:

If these men desire the work, their names will be announced to the congregation during the evening service of Sunday, March 8.

Step Nine:

Two weeks will then be given to allow the brethren opportunity to privately approach these men to ask questions and voice agreement or objection. These men would no doubt be appreciative of knowing that members are supportive. Any objections must be Scriptural and substantiated:

- A. If others need to be involved, consider the principle in Matthew 18:16.
- B. This matter is to be kept as private as possible.
- C. The men selected as potential elders should make themselves available for any questions and comments.
- D. Scriptural, substantiated objections should result in the withdrawal of the man for this work.

Step Ten:

If there are no Scriptural objections, then the men should be set before the church on the morning of Sunday, March 22 and appointed as elders.

Respectfully submitted,
The Elders,
Bill Brown & Dempsey Collins

News and Notes:

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

"...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

James 5:16