

Stewardship of the House of God - 1 Tim 1:4 - 1 Tim 3:14-16

Characteristics and Traits of the House of God

- Based on Apostolic teaching - (Acts 2:41-42), (1 Cor 1:1).
- It belongs to God - "Church of God" - (1 Cor 1:2).
- It is linked to a locality - (1 Cor 1:2).
- Each church is autonomous (Rev 2 - 3).
- Uniformity of doctrine is expected (1 Cor 1:3).

Composition and Titles of the House of God

- Composed of those who are sanctified, who are "in Fellowship" (Acts 2:41-42; 1 Cor 1:1-9).
- The Church in Corinth commenced with Gospel outreach (1 Cor 3:10).
- Churches of Christ; (Rm 16:16), Churches of the Saints; (1 Cor 14:33), Churches of Galatia; (Gal 1:2).

Caring for and Tending to the House of God

Elder - The kind of Person, their course, (Acts 20:17)

Overseer - The kind of Work, their charge, (Acts 20:28)

Shepherd - The kind of People, their compassion, (1 Peter 5:1;4)

Pastors - The kind of Gift, their capacity, (Eph 4:11)

- Respect for elders (Heb 13:7,24).
- Recognition of elders, (Acts 20:28).
- Responsibilities of elders (Acts 20:28; 1 Tim 3:5).
- Rule of elders (1 Tim 5:17).
- Requirement of elders (1 Peter 3:3; Heb 13:17).
- Reward for elders (1 Tim 5:17, 1 Peter 5:4).

Communications and Teaching in the House of God -

- Provision of gifts (1 Cor 12:4-6; Rom 12:3; Eph 4:7).
- Passing of gifts (1 Cor 13:8, Phil 2:27, 2 Tim 4:20).
- Purpose of gifts (1 Cor 14:5).
- Practice of gifts (1 Tim 4:14).

Custodians of the Treasures of the House of God -

- a) We have been given this stewardship by God (1 Cor 4:1-2).
- b) We are expected to pass these treasures to others (2 Tim 2:2).