



CHURCH FAMILY

Family Leadership

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1. JESUS is the leader of His family.

Matthew 16:13–18

The Church isn't ours to CONTROL—it's Jesus' to LEAD.

Hebrews 13:20–21, John 10:11–16



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2. Jesus Appoints UNDERSHEPHERDS and SERVANTS to Lead His People.

1 Timothy 3:1-13

Three titles that we see in the New Testament for who we commonly refer to as "pastor" at HDC:

- OVERSEER
- PASTOR
- ELDER

The word "deacon" literally means "to kick up DUST, as one running an ERRAND"



The role of pastor/elder/overseer emphasizes “leaders that SERVE” in various pastoral capacities and the role of deacon emphasizes “servants who LEAD” by organizing others in service.

Acts 6:1-4

3. Jesus Calls His LEADERS and His PEOPLE into Account.

Hebrews 13:17, 1 Peter 5:1-3



"Biblical authority administered with godly wisdom is enabling, [exalting], gracious and confident. The carnal exercise of power is arrogant, aggressive, deceitful, oppressive, manipulative, controlling and intolerant."

— Colin McDougall

Healthy churches demonstrate both undershepherds who lead HUMBLY and sheep who follow JOYFULLY.

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