

The Leadership of the Church

Matthew 28:18

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Matthew 23:10

Do not be called leaders; for One is your Leader, *that is*, Christ.

Ephesians 4:15

... but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ,

Ephesians 5:23

For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself *being* the Savior of the body.

Colossians 1:18

He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

Colossians 2:19

... and not holding fast to the head, from whom the entire body, being supplied and held together by the joints and ligaments, grows with a growth which is from God.

John 10:11-15

11. "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.
12. "He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters *them*.
13. "*He flees* because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep.
14. "I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me,
15. even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

Hebrews 13:20

Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, *even* Jesus our Lord,

1 Peter 2:25

For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

1	<p><u>Titus 1:5</u> For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains and appoint elders in every city as I directed you,</p> <p><u>Acts 14:23</u> When they had appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.</p>
2	<p><u>Titus 1:7</u> For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain,</p> <p><u>Acts 20:28</u> Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.</p>
3	<p><u>Acts 20:28</u> Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.</p> <p><u>Ephesians 4:11</u> And He gave some <i>as</i> apostles, and some <i>as</i> prophets, and some <i>as</i> evangelists, and some <i>as</i> pastors and teachers,</p>
4	<p><u>Hebrews 13:17, 24</u> 17 Obey your leaders and submit to <i>them</i>, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you. ... 24 Greet all of your leaders and all the saints. Those from Italy greet you.</p> <p><u>Romans 12:8</u> ... or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.</p>