

The Need for Leadership

Necessity of Leadership

- Without Moses Israel turned to idols.
 - Exodus 32:1-5, 7, 8, 19-25
- Israel needed a leader after Moses died.
 - Deuteronomy 34:5-9; Joshua 1:1-9
- Judges 2:7-10, 19
- Being without a leader is like a sheep without a shepherd.
 - 1 Kings 22:17
 - Matthew 9:35, 36

Leadership in the Church

- Jesus is the Head of the church.
 - Ephesians 1:22, 23; 5:23, 24
- Apostles are ambassadors for Jesus.
 - 1 Corinthians 14:37
 - Apostles established elders in every church. Acts 14:21-23; Titus 1:5
- Elders lead local churches.
 - 1 Peter 5:1-4
 - Lack of eldership should not be seen as a good thing.

Why Elders are Necessary

- Part of God's plan. Philippians 1:1
- Provide leadership qualities:
 - Lead by example. 1 Peter 5:3; Qualifications in 1 Timothy, Titus
 - Have vision. Acts 20:28-31
 - Have knowledge and courage. Titus 1:10, 11