"The Faith That Is In Christ Jesus" or "Orderly Church Leadership"

Intro: That ________________ might be exalted in His church each believer is to fulfill their proper place as a member of His Body, providing for orderly, God-______________ worship. For the order of the church and the worshipful recognition of the headship of Christ, the ____________ are called to submit to the ordained leadership of the church even as the church submits to Christ; and the ________ are ordained to lead by leading the women even as Christ loves the church.

I. The ________________ for male leadership.

A. There is the biblical ________________ that mandates male leadership. Male leadership is ________________ and frankly, dear family, so far as these two offices are concerned this is the only kind of leadership that is allowed. Anything else is not true biblical leadership, and such would distort the Christ-church relationship, and is in violation of the Holy Scripture. The ________ are called _______ the church, and will give an account for her.

II. The ________________ (and other essential qualities) of male leadership.

A. "An overseer ___________ be ___________ reproach.
B. An overseer must be the husband of __________ ________
C. An overseer must be ________________
D. An overseer must be ________________
E. An overseer must be ________________
F. An overseer must be ________________
G. An overseer must be ________________ to ________________
H. An overseer must ________ be ________________ to wine.
I. An overseer must not be ________________
J. An overseer must be ________________
K. An overseer must be ________________
L. An overseer must be ________________ the love of ________________
M. An overseer must ________________ his own ________________ well.
N. An overseer must ________ be a ________ convert.
O. An overseer must have a ________________ reputation with those ________________ the church.
P. Deacons must be men of ________________.
Q. Deacons must be men who are __________ ______________-tongued.
R. Deacons must be men who are __________ ________________ to much wine.
S. Deacons must be men who are ______ fond of ___________ gain.
T. Deacons must be men who are ________________ holding to the mystery of the faith with a ______________ conscience.
U. Deacons must be men who are ________________ ________________ they hold the office.
V. Deacons must be men whose ________________ are dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, ________________ in all things.
W. Deacons must be men who are ________________ ________________ in their marital standing.
X. Deacons must be good ________________ of their children and ________________

III. The ________________ for male leadership.

A. Having ________________ as our model Pastor and Servant, gives us men great encouragement to lead as we simply follow after Him, as His disciples! Jesus is the ________________ ________________, the personified standard by which all holy standards are established. So then, if we look to ourselves we will be discouraged, but if we look to Christ in faith believing, we will be encouraged!

Closing: Let us consider the mandate for male leadership, the morality of male leadership, and the model for male leadership, and let us ___________ our ___________ and follow Him!

Dear church, we are not a group of youngsters trying to learn to play a game but as ________________ ________________ ____________, and as we are maturing in Christ, let us, each one, fulfill the role of which ________________ has uniquely ________________ ____________. Then the entire Body will be blessed, and Christ highly exalted in His church.

Men, through our servant leadership, as we reach to meet the qualifications listed for overseers and deacons, in this ________________ after Christ, we will care for the women and all the church even as ________________, who loved the church and gave Himself for her.

Let us humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God and represent Christ in our home, in our church, in a lost world. May ____________ ______________ all men everywhere and may God grant them the faith that is in Christ Jesus!

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