



Portland Area Bible Students

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Study V – The Organization of the New Creation – Starting page 251



Bishops, Elders, Pastors

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How do you understand the terms: elder, pastor, shepherd, overseer?
How do “special natural qualifications determine what part of the service they can best serve”?

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How may elders admonish, warn and teach and still avoid “ruling”?
What is the ecclesia responsibility toward their chosen leaders/

Deacons, Ministers, Servants

Page 252:1-2 (2 paragraphs)

What is the significance of the Greek word translated “deacon”?
If elders and even the Apostles were also deacons, why would some be distinguished as deacons?

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What do we learn about this role of deacon from Acts 6:2-5 where the first ones were chosen?

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How do these considerations highlight the importance of liberty in regard to rendering service?
Why is the service as an evangelist not limited only to elders?

Teachers in the Church

From page **255:1** over to and including **264:1** is a section related to teaching in the Church.
Please read through this section and be prepared to share a short summery (1-2 minutes).

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What are the scope and limitations of that which is taught in the Church?

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What are the distinguishing characteristics between teaching and preaching?

Page 256:2-257:1 (2 paragraphs)

What is the gift of an evangelist?
In what variety of ways is the work of an evangelist (and follow-up) being accomplished in our day?

Many should be Able to Teach

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What is the implication of the phrase in Heb. 5:12 that “*ye ought to be teachers*”?