

God's Leadership Plan for the Local Church: God's Purpose & Process

*Today we will study God's plan for leadership in the local church,
making observations from two key passages.*

Ephesians 4:11-16 – God's _____ for Leaders

¹¹ And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

1. **Leaders Are _____ by God**
2. ... **to _____ the Saints for Ministry Work**
3. ... **to _____ the Saints in the Truth**
4. ... **to _____ the Saints Together (2+3 → 4)**

These three outcomes are possible, intended, and expected!

2 Timothy 2:2 – God's _____ for Making Leaders

² And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit (x!) these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

<p>καὶ ἃ ἤκουσας παρ' ἐμοῦ διὰ πολλῶν μαρτύρων, ταῦτα παράθου πιστοῖς ἀνθρώποις, οἵτινες ἱκανοὶ ἔσονται καὶ ἐτέρους διδάξαι.</p>	<p>And the things you heard from (origination) me among many witnesses these you entrust (x!) to faithful men, who competent will be also other [men] to teach.</p>
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2 Timothy 2:2 – God's PROCESS for Making Leaders

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Overview of book, chapter, and immediate context:

- Letter is specifically to Timothy (1:2)
- Instruction to Timothy as leader of Ephesus church (2:1)
- Description of the lifestyle and attitude of a leader (2:3-6)

This ties in with 1 Timothy 5:17. There is a requirement for churches to be working to be bringing up teachers (pastors) who, once fully trained, continue the accurate teaching of the Word and replicate themselves through faithful men who then are taught to do the same (over and over).

Nine Observations from 2 Timothy 2:2:

1. **Involves past _____ "you heard"**
2. **Of established _____ "the things"**
3. **By a qualified _____ "from me"**
4. **Regarding specific _____ "these"**
5. **A responsibility is _____ "entrust"**
6. **Of specifically _____ people (over time)
"faithful men"**
7. **Having become _____ "who will be able
(qualified)"**
 - a. *Can include gifting (Eph 4:11)*
 - b. *Certainly includes training*
8. **With a _____ purpose "others also to teach"**
9. **For multi-generational _____**

Summary Principles from 2 Timothy 2:2:

- _____ are responsible to be training future leaders.
- The local church must be the _____ training ground for future leaders.
- We need to _____ men to be in training.