

Advice to Elders and the Church

(Proverbs 19:20)

- Introduction:
1. Today, we are appointing two new men to serve as shepherds/overseers/ of the Karns congregation.
 2. I don't know of any event that is more important to the future of the church than what is taking place today.
 3. Therefore, I wish to take a few moments to offer some counsel to the men being appointed today as well as the men who have been serving.

I. Advice to the Elders

- A. Don't be overwhelmed by your inexperience (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13).
- B. Immerse yourself in the things of God (Colossians 3:1-2).
- C. Keep a close tab on your life and doctrine (1 Timothy 4:16).
- D. Set an example of godliness (1 Corinthians 11:1).
- E. Prepare for hardship (Psalm 109:4).
- F. Develop a strong prayer-life (1 Samuel 12:23).
- G. Learn when to listen (James 1:19).
- H. Learn when to speak (Proverbs 25:11).
- I. Do not fear others (Proverbs 29:25).
- J. Stretch Yourself (1 Timothy 4:15).

II. Advice to the Congregation

- A. Know them (1 Thessalonians 5:12).
- B. Esteem them (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13).
- C. Obey them (Hebrews 13:17).
- D. Shield them (1 Timothy 5:19).
- E. Imitate them (Hebrews 13:7).

- Conclusion:
1. We the elders and the congregation both fulfill their obligations, the wisdom of God will be manifest through his divine arrangement for his church.
 2. May God bless us as we seek to fulfill our roles within the body of Christ.