

Deacons And Trustees And Their Responsibilities

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Numbers 11:10-17, 24-25

¹⁰ Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent: and the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased.

¹¹ And Moses said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me?

¹² Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou shouldest say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers?

¹³ Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat.

¹⁴ I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me.

¹⁵ And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness.

¹⁶ And the LORD said unto Moses,
Gather unto me seventy men of the
elders of Israel, whom thou knowest
to be the elders of the people, and
officers over them; and bring them
unto the tabernacle of the
congregation, that they may stand
there with thee.

¹⁷ And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone.

²⁴ And Moses went out, and told the people the words of the LORD, and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the tabernacle.

²⁵ And the LORD came down in a ¹¹ cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.

The 70 Elders To Whom
Was Communicated The
Prophetic Power Of Moses
And Who Prophesied In
The Camp Of The Israelites
In The Wilderness

The First Deacons

7 Deacons Were
Elected

Acts 1:1-5

1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

² Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

³ To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

⁴ And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

⁵ For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

And Stephen Full Of
Faith And Power Did
Great Wonders And
Miracles Among The
People.

Acts 5:8

⁸ And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.

Death Of Stephen

Acts 7:54-60

⁵⁴ When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

⁵⁵ But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

⁵⁶ And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

⁵⁷ Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

⁵⁸ And cast him out of the city,
and stoned him: and the
witnesses laid down their
clothes at a young man's feet,
whose name was Saul.

⁵⁹ And they stoned Stephen,
calling upon God, and saying,
Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

⁶⁰ And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Ministry Of Phillip

Acts 8:5-8

⁵ Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

⁶ And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

⁷ For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

⁸ And there was great joy in that city.

The Qualifications Of A Deacon.

1 Timothy 3:8-13

⁸ Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;

⁹ Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

¹⁰ And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.

¹¹ Even so must their wives be
grave, not slanderers, sober,
faithful in all things.

¹² Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

¹³ For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Double Honor

1 Timothy 5:17-19

¹⁷ Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

¹⁸ For the scripture saith, thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.

¹⁹ Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.

Obey Them

Hebrews 13:17

¹⁷ Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

The Office Of The Deacons

The office of deacons, as elected according to the Word of God and the manner of the Branham Tabernacle,

is to act as an office of spiritual assistance to the pastors. They are to assist the pastors on all of his spiritual activities.

They are given free speech in presenting to the pastors any program or benefits that would bless the general and spiritual welfare of the church.

They must be apt to teach, and ready to assist the pastor or associate pastor on every duty if called to do so.

They shall assist in serving communion. They shall be acting ushers in all services. They shall police the church, in keeping civil order and conduct.

They shall assist in taking local offerings. They shall oversee the spiritual conduct of the church in working with the pastor and one another on spiritual problems and matters of the saints.

They shall be ready at any time to assist the need of every saint who is burdened and in need of spiritual consultation, or general welfare.

They have not the right to act upon any program or promotion without agreement with one another, the pastors, or the trustees if the program they are considering doing involves church funds.

They will be responsible before God for their conduct and manner of service, according to the Word of God. They shall not have meeting among themselves without the pastor or associate pastor present.

CHURCH.ORDER JEFF.IN COD

THURSDAY 63-1226

131 A deacon takes care of the
house of God. Someone come
in, speak to them;

be there to greet them, shake their hand. That's, you're the policeman, "Could we show you the cloak room?" or "Would you be seated?"

"Could we hand you a songbook or something?" or "Now we would like for you to enjoy yourself here, and--and pray, and-- and we're happy you're here with us tonight."

Lead them right down to a place, and say, "Would you like to be closer or would you like to be back here?" or wherever more. That's hospitality.

132 A policeman (or the deacon) is a military police to the army, courtesy, but yet with authority. See?

You know what a military police is, is actually, if he carries out his rights, I think he's just like a chaplain. You see? It's courtesy and everything, but yet he has an authority. See, you must mind him.

See, he puts... These rookies get out there and get drunk, why, he puts them in their place. And so is the deacon to put them in their place.

133 Now, remember, the deacon is a policeman, and a deacon's office is actually more strict than most any office in the church. I don't know of an office any more strict than the deacon's office.

That's right, because he's got a--he's got a real job, and he's God's man. He's God's man just as much as the pastor is God's man. Certainly, he is. He is God's servant.

CHURCH.ORDER JEFF.IN COD

THURSDAY 63-1226

134 Now the trustees, only
thing, they're under duty by
God to watch that finances and
take care of that, the things
that goes on like that. I told
you about them tapes,

and-- and about other things here that goes on, about the building and repairs, and taking up the finances and things, that's--that's what they're trustee of:

the property, finances and things. The deacons has
nothing to do in that. And
neither does the--the trustee
have anything to do with the
deacons' office.

135 Now, if the deacons wants to ask the trustee's help on anything, or--or the trustees the deacon's, and you're all working together... But that's your duties, is singling out. See? All right.

CHURCH.ORDER JEFF.IN COD

THURSDAY 63-1226

136 Now, no, don't ask Brother Neville. If Brother Neville asks you to do something, then that's--that's your pastor, with courtesy and love and everything... If he'd say,

"Brother Collins, Brother Hickerson, Brother Tony, or somebody, would you see what's wrong back there in the corner?" At the post of duty like that, you know, as a real man of God.

137 Remember, you are not working for Branham Tabernacle, neither are you working for Brother Neville or me, you're working for Jesus Christ. See? You... That's who you do it...

And He--He's respecting your loyalty just the same as He is to that pastor or to anybody else, He's expecting your loyalty! And we want to show our loyalty.

CHURCH.ORDER JEFF.IN COD

THURSDAY 63-1226

142 Now, the deacon is the--is
the custodian at the house of
God. See?

Now if you... He takes care of
the house of God and keeps it
in order. Now, that's what the
Scripture says,

and if you got anything else that a deacon should do, you come tell me. See, there's the same thing, but that--that's your duty to do that, yeah, just back up.

143 And you should ask nobody, that's--that's just your duty. Brother Neville don't ask nobody, the church don't have to ask... I mean, the--the--the trustees don't have to go ask Brother Neville if--

if he wants the roof put on the tabernacle. See? No, no, that's not nothing to Brother Neville, it's not nothing to me, that's to you. The deacons don't have to...

CHURCH.ORDER JEFF.IN COD

THURSDAY 63-1226

144 The same way to the pastor. "What are you going to preach on? I don't want you to do this." They ain't got no business saying that, he's under God, see, their pastor.

And then if--if--if... Brother Neville, he preaches a message that the Lord has give us, and we're all together in this. And if I tell Brother Neville something wrong, God holds me responsible for it.

That's right. See? So God is the Boss of all of it. See? And we're just working as His ambassadors, you see, down here in these offices.

CHURCH.ORDER JEFF.IN COD

THURSDAY 63-1226

15a Now, then, question number two. Is it sufficient to say openly from the pulpit that tongues and interpretations should be done in a meeting before the service?

That's the second question on this slip of paper that I have here, which is a little card.

16 Now, this would be pertaining to the pastor here, see. Because he--he, after all, over the spiritual part, he's the head of that.

Deacons are policemen in the church, to keep order and to take care of these things, and feeding the poor, and so forth.

The trustees are over the
finance and the building, and
that's what they are to look
after. But the pastor is over
the--the supervising of the
spiritual part, and this would
go to you, Brother Neville.

CHURCH.ORDER JEFF.IN COD

THURSDAY 63-1226

55a Now, is there any better way to keep order in the church than to keep reminding the people with a--a repeat from the deacons accordingly?

No, that, I just explained that.
That's question number three.

56 The deacons, your duty is to
keep order in the church, with
kindness and friendliness.

And then you are supposed to,
if someone gets out of order in
the church, or comes in here
like a drunk, or somebody
come in.

57 Like they shot that minister
out of the platform the other
night up there.

You heard about that, that drunk coming in with a double-barreled shotgun. He screamed for his wife, and--and wanted his wife, and went up towards the pastor.

And the pastor showed him his wife setting there, but he was going to shoot her right in the church, and the pastor started to dealing with him.

And instead of--instead of...
The--the man with the shotgun
turned around and shot the
pastor out of the pulpit, and
then shot his wife, and then
shot himself.

58 Now, if there'd been a bunch
of deacons there when that man
entered that door with that
shotgun, they'd have had their
arms around him and the
shotgun out of his hand. See?
See, that's--that's orderly
deacons.

And now, these things have gone the way they're doing now and you might just expect anything. But, remember, the deacons are God's policemen in the house of God, no matter what anybody else thinks.

Sometimes a policeman want not to have to go up and make an arrest on somebody, maybe one of his friends, but he's sworn to an office, he's got to do it anyhow. That's his duty to his city. See?

CHURCH.ORDER JEFF.IN COD

THURSDAY 63-1226

59 That's the duty of a deacon to the church. And if someone jumps up and starts interrupting the pastor, or something other like that, and the pastor in his message,

the deacons supposed to walk
up to them people, two or
three of them, say, "Could we
speak to you, brother?" See?
Bring him from the church, out
into the office, in here or some
other office,

and speak to him about it,
saying, "You're not to
interrupt." You know, it's a--it's
a great fine by the law to
interrupt a service anyhow. See?

But some people, such as a delinquent person or something, come among you, you know, and-- and some religious fanatic, and--and start carrying on, then the deacons...

And if the deacons don't seem to be able to control it, then the trustee board or anyone else in the church can step up and give help to such a person. You know that.

CHURCH.ORDER JEFF.IN COD

THURSDAY 63-1226

60 And--and now let me ask the
question again here.

Is there any better way to keep order in the church than to remind the people with a repeat from the deacons, now, occasionally?

61 Now I think that the--the pastor, ever so often... Or play this tape, let that stand for a witness. Deacons are policemen, and their word is law and order.

See? And they have the authority from the church and even from the laws of the nation to make that house of God be the right place.

And anyone to contrary a
deacon like that, is subject
to--to two to ten years in federal
prison. If you tell them to go
and they don't do it,

or something like that, somebody with disorderly conduct, he just don't know what he's doing to... He's subjecting himself, allotting himself to all kinds of fines, anything.

62 And then if it comes to the spot that somebody... Now, like... And if somebody jumps up and gets disorderly... Just maybe speak in tongues or something, I wouldn't go in on that.

See, let them go, 'cause if they're a stranger. If they're our own people, then just let... The next night, you deacons just get this tape, and say,

"Now, we're going to play the order of the church before we start the service, I want everybody to understand it." And you pastors and you all can work together like that.

CHURCH.ORDER JEFF.IN COD

THURSDAY 63-1226

127a How far, Brother Branham,
can or should a deacon go to
keep order in the church?

Should we keep the order or
wait until Brother Neville tells us
what we should do?

128 That isn't Brother Neville's job, that's your job. See? You don't tell Brother Neville what to preach on, how to preach it.

See, that's your job, you
deacons, you're supposed to do
that. You take care of that.
That's nothing to Brother
Neville, that's your job. See?

129 Now, if a policeman's out here on the street and he sees a man stealing property out of a back of a car, should he call the mayor and say,

"Now, Mayor, your Honor, sir, I am working for you here on this police force. Now, I find a man up the street here, he's--he was stealing some tires off of a car last night.

Now, I just wonder, what's your opinion of that?" Huh! See? See, that wouldn't be sensible.

Would it? No, sir. If he was doing something wrong, arrest him.

130 And if a man's doing
something wrong here in the
church, or anybody, stop them,
talk to them. Don't be arrogant;

but if they won't listen, speak in
a way that they know what
you're saying. See? See, like you
tell a child, say, "Walk back
there," and he's misbehaving.
Deacons, stay at your place!
Put...

There's four of you, stay two in
front and two in the back, on
these corners or somewhere like
that. And watch real close, for
renegades and everything else
come in like this, you see.

And you be on the guard, and
you get to your post of duty and
stay there, that's your seat; or
stand right beside a wall and
watch everybody come in.

HEBREWS.CHAPTER.SEVEN.2

JEFF.IN HEB SUNDAY 57-0922

280 And if any persons then has
a--a complaint against a deacon,
or against the deacon or
somebody in the church, it takes
three people.

Three people would come and say, witness, the mouth of two or three witnesses. Come tell the pastor that there's a grievance against a deacon.

Then if there's a grievance against a deacon, the deacon isn't a--a just man, a--a perfect man.

He must hold the office of a deacon, blameless, and then found blameless. And if that congregation finds out that that deacon is not holding that office, he gets three with him and takes it to the pastor.

That deacon is asked to stay home over the night. And then the pastor from... comes and brings the congregation together, gives the grievance.

And if the congregation votes for the deacon to continue on, the deacon continues on.

If he con-... votes for the deacon
to be dismissed, they elect a
new deacon that very night.
See?

HEBREWS.CHAPTER.SEVEN.2

JEFF.IN HEB SUNDAY 57-0922

281 Therefore, no one person has nothing to do in this. It's the majority of the people.

Yes, sir. If twenty votes for him, and twenty-one votes against him, he goes; or, vice versa.

See? That is, it's the sovereignty of the local church and, then, each one of the members has a say-so in the church. Anything goes on, wrong,

then they can come right around, and the only thing they have to do is to be before God that they are absolutely see that nothing hinders the moving of the church.

CHURCH.ORDER JEFF.IN COD

THURSDAY 63-1226

10a Now, the first one is: How shall the church act towards calls for financial help of... for food and clothing?

What--what act, what--what
should the church do?

11 Now we realize that the church is responsible for its own, for our members here of the church, we are totally responsible as far as we have needs to supply them with.

We are responsible for our own,
that's, steady, constant
members of the tabernacle that
come here and worship with us.

We are duty bound to them, as our brothers and sisters who have proven to be our members of this gathering.

12 Now, we realize that there is millions tonight without food, without clothing, and we would love to be able to help the whole group of them,

to do everything we could; but financially we cannot do that, we can't support all the world. But we are duty bound to our own.

And I think, in that, and then if we have anything left over that you would want to contribute to people who are not members here of this church,

something that you'd want to give to them, it should be met between the board of the deacons.

CHURCH.ORDER JEFF.IN COD

THURSDAY 63-1226

13 The deacons is the one
that--that has to meet this
opposition, or this problem,
rather;

because that in the Bible when the dispute come up about food and clothing, and so forth, in the Book of Acts, they called the apostles in about it, and they said,

"Go look out for yourself seven man of honest report and full of the Holy Ghost that they might attend to these things, because we will give ourself continually to the Word of God and in prayer."

14 And it isn't the pastor's duty to look out to the... for the food and so forth. That's supposed to be by the deacons. It isn't the trustees, it is the deacons office to do this. And then this should be...

Remember in the Bible, they was contributing to their own, the Greeks and the--and the Jewish, where the argument come up that one was getting a little more than the other,

but it was people who had sold all their goods and had give it into the church for its support, and then to--to be divided out among them equally.

And there was a little dispute
come up, and there's where we
got our first deacons. And that's
one of their duties, is to do that.

CHURCH.ORDER JEFF.IN COD

THURSDAY 63-1226

15 I think that, as our own, as
our own people, we should take
care of them.

And it should be turned in, any complaint, to the chairman of the deacon board, and then it should be met by the deacon board and see what they're able to do about it.

And all of those things which is clothing, and food, and financial help, or whatever it is, should come through the deacons.

Then the deacons, when they decide that they are--that they are... what they're going to do about it, then it should be presented then unto the--the treasurer,

to see if the treasurer is able at this time to pay this certain amount of finance, or--or buy these clothing, or whatever it is to that.

But the--the deacon board should meet on that, and it doesn't go to the trustees or to the pastor. It's a deacons' thing, altogether.

A.TOTAL.DELIVERANCE JEFF.IN

V-11 N-1 SUNDAY 59-0712

28 And then I have here also some--something for the bulletin board this morning, about the meeting of the board and their authority.

And it'll be on the bulletin board, and I got a copy for Brother Roberson who is the chairman of the de--of the trustees.

And then I got a copy for
Brother Collins, I think, who
acts as the chairman of the
deacon board.

And now, all these offices are set according to the Scripture, and they must have the Scriptural rules of what they must do. Therefore, the trustees has an office of their own.

And the deacons has an office of their own. The Sunday school superintendent has an office of his own. And the pastor is the head of the flock.

A.TOTAL.DELIVERANCE JEFF.IN

V-11 N-1 SUNDAY 59-0712

29 Now, each one of these has things in common. And I think that your meeting should not be together,

but it should be as each office,
'cause the deacons has nothing
to say to the trustees unless
they got some business to
present to them.

And vice versa, the trustees is over the finance and things of the building; they have nothing with the deacons.

The deacons are the policemen of the church, and the assistants to the pastor. And the trustees is the holding of all the property.

The trustees has nothing to do
with the spiritual end of it, and
the deacon has nothing to do
with the financial end of it.

Therefore, it must be. And the
Sunday school superintendent
is over his Sunday school. So
I've got it all wrote, typed out,
to be on the bulletin board.

EVENTS.MADE.CLEAR.BY.PROPH
ECY JEFF.IN V-12 N-3 SUNDAY
65-0801E

7 Now, I was asked a little something here, on a little note was given me, to...

They had a trustee meeting the other night here, on the board of trustees and deacons, and I think the minutes were read this morning before the church.

Which, that's custom for us to do that. In the decisions that was made by the board of trustees and deacons here in the church,

of course, it can't please everyone. We cannot do that. I have not one thing to do with the trustee board or the deacon board.

I have not even a vote unless there's a tie, and I have to be here to do it then, Brother Orman Neville takes that second vote. Then we have to sign these, because we're part of the church.

But what the trustee board and
them boards' decision they
make, we certainly stand
behind them one hundred
percent, 'cause that's what
they're here for.

And their decisions is between them and God. I cannot, cannot and would not, by any means, contrary that decision. And another thing,

I am forbidden by the United States Government to make any decision concerning that, so please don't ask me to correct their decisions. I cannot do it, and I will not hear nothing about it.

See? So don't ask me to correct their decisions. You see the board, that's the one that made the decisions. All right.

Voting

THE.PLACING.OF.DEACONS JEFF.IN

COD SUNDAY 58-0720E

353-1 And that is, that the first
is the placing some deacons
into the church. And our little
church here is sovereign.

It doesn't have any denomination or anything to send its deacons; it elects its own deacons. It elects its pastor;

it elects its trustees; it elects everything that comes in and out of the church. No one person has the say-so over anything; it's the church.

And the church are those who come and support the church with their presence, with their tithe and offerings, are always the ones that has legal say-so in the placing of such.

And I want to thank the past board of deacons, and I say it from here for all the church. If any of those brethren are here,

which was Brother Cox, Brother Fleeman, and Brother Higginbotham and Brother Deatsman, they have give us a good service, give the Lord, in this Tabernacle.

THE PLACING OF DEACONS JEFF. IN

COD SUNDAY 58-0720E

353-3 And ever so often,
according to the bylaws of the
church, every year, the deacons
or trustees automatically fill
their time.

And if they want to come back,
all right. If they do not want to
come back, then they can place
some in their places,

that this board has resigned.
And the other night I called the
trustee board, which there is a
new board of trustees.

Till I noticed Brother Luther McDowell here tonight; we're glad to see him in, which was formerly on the trustee board.

I went down this week to find out and to check into having a photostatic copy made, which will be presented to the church also.

That the trustees of the church now is Brother William Morgan, Brother Mike Egan, and Brother Banks Wood, and Brother Roy Roberson.

And they're all of this city,
except Brother Roberson that
lives between the two cities.

The Lord has seen fit in those men, and they have been honorable men, and they have now received the duty as trustees of this church.

THE.PLACING.OF.DEACONS JEFF.IN

COD SUNDAY 58-0720E

353-5 And then while this meeting was going on, and was told by the assistant pastor that we--selecting of the new board of deacons,

that these had served their time out and -and resigned, and it was to select some more deacons.

Now, the church... The way this is done is the board can ap--appoint deacons, men that they have associated with and found to be honorable and just men.

The office of a deacon is a very great office, and a great honor to the Lord to be a deacon in the church. And so in the meeting the other night, certain man was called out to me.

And when meeting with the pastor, the following--this last Friday, which was agreed by this man that these were honorable and just men.

THE.PLACING.OF.DEACONS

JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY

58-0720E

354-9 And we're building now,
and we wish to place this
church.

And as the general overseer of the church, I must see that it's kept Scripturally, everything right on the Word.

And so therefore, then it has been found favorable with the board and the pastor, and the overseer, to select in this group of people here some men who we think to be honorable and just men.

We can only bring them. And it's then they are appointed by the church, by their own vote.

And then these man shall serve, if they feel that they will accept this office. Then they will come for a short time to see if they feel that maybe that God has called them.

And if later, if they feel that they are disqualified, then they have a right in the next few weeks to resign the office, that someone else could be appointed in their place.

THE.PLACING.OF.DEACONS JEFF.IN

COD SUNDAY 58-0720E

354-7 One young man that they had found, was not exactly qualified (not because that he wasn't the right type of man),

one that was suggested by one of the honorable men of our trustee board.

But as the pastor and I came together, and I asked the age of the young man, he was in his early twenties:

honorable, just, and a real man, but find out that he was a single man. The Bible requires a deacon to be a married man. He must be the husband of one wife.

And then another man which was a very honorable man, very qualified for the job and would make a loyal man, as a brother suggested him.

Then after investigating the case, that the brother had just recently come into this faith; his wife doesn't believe in it.

Then that disqualified the man as the office, because he must have all his family in subjection. They must be also in the faith, because it would be a conflict.

THE.PLACING.OF.DEACONS

JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY

58-0720E

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and we wish to place this
church.

And as the general overseer of the church, I must see that it's kept Scripturally, everything right on the Word.

And so therefore, then it has been found favorable with the board and the pastor, and the overseer, to select in this group of people here some men who we think to be honorable and just men.

We can only bring them. And it's then they are appointed by the church, by their own vote.

And then these man shall serve, if they feel that they will accept this office. Then they will come for a short time to see if they feel that maybe that God has called them.

And if later, if they feel that they are disqualified, then they have a right in the next few weeks to resign the office, that someone else could be appointed in their place.

THE.PLACING.OF.DEACONS JEFF.IN

COD SUNDAY 58-0720E

354-11 However, at the beginning of the revival that (if God willing) I want to hold here in this Tabernacle as soon as I get some rest, then I--then I'll..

We will ordain these deacons by laying on hands, deacons and treasurer in this church. But first they must be appointed and--and see how they like it and how the congregation likes it.

Then if it's-- then if it's all right on both sides, then we make these men ordained deacons, just like trustees are elected the same way.

It's the sovereignty and the law of the church by the Word of God. Therefore, that--they just can't say that, "I think this man would be a right man." That isn't it.

"Brother Neville thinks this man would be a right man," or "the trustee board thinks this man would be a right man," it has to be by the church.

No one does anything within himself here. It's the vote of the church. It's a sovereign church. The old set of bylaws was destroyed in the 1937 flood.

We have recopied those, and will be hung on the wall here soon, the duties of trustees, deacons, treasurers, and so forth, pastor, associates, and so forth.

THE.PLACING.OF.DEACONS JEFF.IN

COD SUNDAY 58-0720E

355-14 By the grace of God, it has been said to me, and a one hundred percent vote through the board of this church,

that they have found that
Brother Hollin Hickerson to be a
just, honorable man,

and in line in this position to receive the--the great honor of being deacon of this said Tabernacle. Also, we have found,

and by the vote of the board,
that Brother Collins also has
been found an honorable and
just man. Being a minister
himself; therefore, we would ask
him to come and to be a--a
deacon of the church;

and not only deacon, but an associate to Brother Neville, and perhaps to a Sunday school class, or to take the place of Brother Neville,

or whatever is being called on,
he to be an associate to Brother
Neville. That's Brother Collins.
And also the church has found
in favor, that Brother Tony
Zabel,

an honorable and just man, and he's been favored before the trustee board and the pastors, to ask him to receive the office of deacon in this said Tabernacle.

THE.PLACING.OF.DEACONS JEFF.IN

COD SUNDAY 58-0720E

355-17 And it's also been asked,
and found an honorable man
among us... (Not... these not
being the only honorable men
now,

but just has been selected by the board.) Brother Taylor from Henryville, or Memphis, I believe it is, Memphis, Indiana.

He's been with us for some time, acting as usher and whatever could be. That the church has found favor with him, or the board and pastor,

that he would accept the--the
great office as being the deacon
of this said Tabernacle. And it's
also been asked that Brother
Mike Egan's son-in-law,

Brother--Brother Bob Harned,
has been selected by the board
and by the pastor, to accept the
office as treasurer of this said
Tabernacle, which is an
honorable job,

and it requires justice and honor. In doing this, I think, my brethren, that calling you from here, that it would be a great honor to you. And not only that, but something to do.

THE.PLACING.OF.DEACONS

JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY

58-0720E

356-20 At this time I will have Brother Neville, our associate, to read the requirements of the deacon.

Brother Neville, if you'll read it
from the Word of God. [Brother
Neville reads I Timothy
3:8-12--Ed.]:

Likewise must the deacons be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine and greedy of filthy lucre;

Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.

Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

THE.PLACING.OF.DEACONS JEFF.IN

COD SUNDAY 58-0720E

356-21 Amen. I would at this time ask these brethren who has been called, if they would just walk forward here to the platform just a moment.

And as we bow our heads just a moment for prayer, I want them... And the church knows what this is, that this is electing your deacon board and your treasurer.

Lord Jesus, it is with sober, godly thinking that we come to Thee now. We come in respects of Thy most holy Word; we come believing that

"Let every man's word be wrong, but God's be true." And we are grateful to Thee for this church which Jesus has purchased with His own precious Blood,

and has given us this building to worship in... And as the overseers of this great flock, which the Holy Ghost has ordained us to be,

we are trying now to present to this congregation a loyal, righteous bunch of men that we believe to be Spirit-filled and ready for the office.

As it is once said concerning the
deacon board, "Go, look out
yourself among you, men of
good reports and with the Holy
Spirit,

that they might serve in this manner to take care of the widows and orphans, to distribute the money, and to care for the welfare of the church."

Later in years we have just read the writing of that great, inspired, sainted Paul, who sets forth the declaration of the Scriptures of the requirements of such position.

God, honor these men. And now it is the choice, Lord, as a sovereign church, as the body of the Lord Jesus, that they do the electing.

And [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.]...
and will direct this portion of
the service in a special way, in
that righteous and holy Name of
Jesus.

THE.PLACING.OF.DEACONS

JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY

58-0720E

357-25 Now with our heads
bowed, not only our heads but
our hearts,

and as every member of this church, that comes here regular and supports it with your tithe and offerings, which is considered a member of this church...

While, the pastor and I, alone,
the--the associate pastor,
Brother Neville, and I look on,

I would ask if this church finds Brother Taylor to be a just man and eligible, by the best of your thinking to be deacon over this group of people, you will signify the same by raising your hand.

[Brother Branham pauses--Ed.]
All right. Now if there is any
contrary, would you raise your
hand. [Brother Branham
pauses--Ed.] Thank you.

THE.PLACING.OF.DEACONS

JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY

58-0720E

357-26 Does any of this
members of this church here
find,

and all, do you find Brother Hollin Hickerson to be a just and honorable man, and a man that's found in your sight worthy to become the deacon of this said church,

would you signify by raising
your right hand? [Brother
Branham pauses--Ed.] If it is
contrary, then raise your hand.
[Brother Branham pauses--Ed.]

Does this congregation find
Brother Collins to be the same, a
righteous and honorable man,
and worthy of the job of being
deacon of this church?

Would you raise your hand?

[Brother Branham pauses--Ed.]

All right. Contrary, would you

raise your hand? [Brother

Branham pauses--Ed.]

THE.PLACING.OF.DEACONS JEFF.IN

COD SUNDAY 58-0720E

357-28 Does this congregation
find Brother Tony Zabel to be an
honorable man and worthy of
this office,

of being deacon over this flock
in this said church? Would you
raise your right hand. [Brother
Branham pauses--Ed.]

Contrary, would you raise your hand? [Brother Branham pauses--Ed.] Does this congregation feel that Brother Harned is a just and righteous man,

who has been with us for some time, to be the treasurer, secretary-treasurer of this church, to handle its finances and to pay its bills?

If so, raise your right hand.

[Brother Branham pauses--Ed.]

Is there any contrary, raise your right hand. [Brother Branham pauses--Ed.]

THE.PLACING.OF.DEACONS

JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY

58-0720E

358-30 I wish to say to the--the
brethren who are standing at
this present time, at the foot of
this cross,

that this church, with one hundred percent (no contrary at all), finds you all worthy in the sight of God for this office that God has called you.

Now, you have said, "Let these first be tried, and see if they desire this office." Within a few weeks, God willing,

I will return back to lay hands upon this group of men to make them the official trust--or the deacons of this church, and treasurer. Let us bow our heads just a moment:

THE.PLACING.OF.DEACONS

JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY

58-0720E

358-32 Lord, we are happy tonight that there is men still living on the earth that can walk godly before the world,

so godly that a Tabernacle, with strict rules as this one has, can vote five men into position as their leaders without one vote contrary.

We are happy for them, and we feel that You were with us in making these decisions, the board and we pastors.

God, bless these men. And may they serve this office with all their hearts, knowing that it is purchasing to them a great degree in heaven.

Someday when the books of heaven shall be closed, may the Book of the celestial beings and the great Book of heaven be opened,

may their names be one hundred percent before God and the Saviour and all the heavenly hosts to be the same in His Kingdom.

Bless them, Lord, and may they
serve this office well. In Jesus'
Name we thank You for them.
Amen.

A.TOTAL.DELIVERANCE JEFF.IN

V-11 N-1 SUNDAY 59-0712

28 And then I have here also
some--something for the bulletin
board this morning,

about the meeting of the board
and their authority. And it'll be
on the bulletin board,

and I got a copy for Brother Roberson who is the chairman of the de--of the trustees. And then I got a copy for Brother Collins, I think, who acts as the chairman of the deacon board.

And now, all these offices are set according to the Scripture, and they must have the Scriptural rules of what they must do. Therefore, the trustees has an office of their own.

And the deacons has an office of their own. The Sunday school superintendent has an office of his own. And the pastor is the head of the flock.

A.TOTAL.DELIVERANCE JEFF.IN

V-11 N-1 SUNDAY 59-0712

29 Now, each one of these has things in common. And I think that your meeting should not be together,

but it should be as each office,
'cause the deacons has
nothing to say to the trustees
unless they got some business
to present to them.

And vice versa, the trustees is
over the finance and things of
the building;

they have nothing with the deacons. The deacons are the policemen of the church, and the assistants to the pastor.

And the trustees is the holding of all the property. The trustees has nothing to do with the spiritual end of it, and the deacon has nothing to do with the financial end of it.

Therefore, it must be. And the Sunday school superintendent is over his Sunday school. So I've got it all wrote, typed out, to be on the bulletin board.

YOU.MUST.BE.BORN.AGAIN

JEFF.IN V-11 N-5 SUNDAY

61-1231M

10 And so I believe it's
announced also, or which
should be,

that both the trustee board and the deacon board is to meet here at the Tabernacle in a union, joint meeting, seven o'clock tomorrow night.

Now, let me announce that again so if the deacons, wherever they, if they're in the other room they might hear on the little mike that tomorrow night at seven o'clock,

both pastor--both the pastor,
the deacon board and trustees, I
was just told a few moments
ago that they were to meet
tomorrow night.

And Brother Neville wants to see his deacon board and talk to them, and the trustees has their regular meeting time, and so they will meet together tomorrow night.

A.TOTAL.DELIVERANCE JEFF.IN

V-11 N-1 SUNDAY 59-0712

30 And then we are also going to get in a frame the doctrine that the church stands for, and have it framed in here in the church;

what we stand for, the--the principles, the doctrine of the church. Now, to be a church, we got to have a doctrine.

We don't draw down any stake and say, "We just go this far." We go out just as far with fellowship with everybody that God will let us go in His Scriptures with the people.

And now stick together; be of one accord, one heart, and move on for God. That's the way God wants us to do. Now, let us pray and then open the Word.

YOU.MUST.BE.BORN.AGAIN _JEFF.IN

V-11 N-5 SUNDAY 61-1231M

9 And looking now for something to take place during this year... And many visions has been coming to me recently.

The other morning a great one again and all pertaining and looking like a great something fixing to happen. So I just keep trusting Him. Some of them I don't even understand.

And we don't understand visions; they're more like symbolically and we don't get them just exactly sometimes, but we know that they are true, anyhow. So they will come to pass. I write them down.

CHURCH.ORDER JEFF.IN COD

THURSDAY 63-1226

70a Who should be the
teachers? 71 There you are,
that's up to you to vote your
own teachers in.

And you ought to do that, put them in there, get somebody. And meet with the church, and say, "Who's... Who here feels led of the Lord?"

And then get a qualified teacher.
And then let it be done. It's got
to be strictly business, brethren.
If the teacher can't qualify to it,
then change teachers.

72 When the time comes, as under God, if I feel like that Orman Neville can't no more qualify to be pastor here, I'm going to mention it to the church.

When I'd see one thing here,
think that you deacons couldn't
qualify to be deacons,

I'm going to mention it to the church, that, "I find out there's a certain deacon out here doing something he shouldn't do, and he doesn't keep his post of duty,"

and so forth like that, or a trustee or whatever it is. I can't vote it in or out, the church has to do that, but I'm certainly going to present it before the church.

See, because that's what it should do. That's what I'm supposed to be as overseer, I'm supposed to look and see what's going on.

We're going to Heaven, not out here somewhere to a rally or something to have a lot of fun and run over one another, and play baseball.

We're here handling the most gracious thing there is on earth, the Word of God, and it's to be carried on in godly order.

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS

JEFF.IN SATURDAY 54-0515

176-Q-34 Here's a little one, kind of a little throwback. I hate to read this, but somebody put it up here.

34. You asked the reason why this Tabernacle didn't go on. The reason why is grounds that some of the deacons deny the gift of tongues and healing.

We all know that to be true. Let me know who he is, while I'm here on this--on this campaign, and that will be quickly removed. See?

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS JEFF.IN

COD THURSDAY 61-0112

589-Q-131 Question: 131. Is it ruling, r-u-l-i... Is it ruling that a deacon or a trustee must abide in the doctrine of their church?

(Yes. That's right.) Is it lawful for them to add to or take away of the teachings because of their own personal opinion or revelation? (No, sir. No.)

A deacon or a trustee should be perfectly in harmony with the--with the doctrine of their church. They should stay perfectly with the interpretation of the Scriptures of their church,

because, if they don't, they're fighting against the very thing... They're--they're hurting themselves. See? You're battling...

It's, other words, like if--if--if I say I love my family and try to feed them poison. See, same thing. See, you can't do that, you... A--a trustee or a deacon in taking their office,

or any officer of a church that represents a certain church body (See?) that represents a church... That's the reason I walked out of the Baptist church (See?) for the very first time.

I'd just been in there a little bit and they--they asked me to ordain some woman preachers. Well, I couldn't actually stay in it. I said, "I--I--I refuse to do it."

And the pastor jerked me up.
"What's this? You're an elder." I
said, "Doctor Davis, in all due
respects to the Baptist faith,
and everything that I have been
ordained to,

I did not know that it was in the doctrine of the Baptist church to ordain women. That was one thing that was left out of it." And he said, "That is the doctrine of this church."

I said, "Sir, could I be excused for tonight, or would you answer some questions for me?" See? He said, "I'll answer your questions." Said, "It's your duty to be there."

I said, "It is, sir. That's right. I'm supposed to anticipate in anything that this church does. I'm in the line of duty, one of the local elders." And he said...

I said, "Could you explain to me why that in I Corinthians 14 or 15 there, where Paul said, 'Let your women keep silent in the churches; it's not permitted them to speak.'"

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS

JEFF.IN SATURDAY 54-0515

204-349 But I'm just laying down to this church, this few days here, the doctrine that this church stands for.

See? That's what the church stands for. And if there's a
deacon here that doesn't
believe in the baptism in Jesus
Christ's Name,

and the baptism of the Holy Spirit, or the gifts of the Spirit being manifest, that deacon, right here while I'm standing here,

doesn't deserve to be in the church until he gets made right. That's exactly right. And the board ought to see to that. Exactly.

This church is not controlled by deacons; this church is controlled by the Bible and the Holy Ghost alone. Yes, sir. Now, so them things, we believe that's the doctrine of this church.

The Office Of The Pastor

HEBREWS.CHAPTER.FIVE.AND.SIX.1

JEFF.IN HEB SUNDAY 57-0908M

26 But I believe in the supreme authority of the local assembly.

Yes. Let each church be its own, choose its pastors, its deacons, its, whatever it is.

And then, that way, the man in there has no bishop over him. The Holy Spirit wants to speak something to that church,

they don't have to ask anybody about whether they could do this or do that. It's the individual in contact with the Holy Spirit.

Show me by the Bible what's greater, in the Bible, than a local elder to a local church? That's right, yes, sir, the sovereignty of the local church, each church in itself.

Now, brotherhood, that's wonderful. All churches ought to be in a brotherhood like that, together. But the sovereignty of local church!

HEBREWS.CHAPTER.SEVEN.2

JEFF.IN HEB SUNDAY 57-0922

282 But the full and complete
authority of the church is the
pastor.

Read that in the Bible, see if that's not Bible order. That's exactly right. There is no one above the elder. I have nothing to do with what Brother Neville does here.

That's up to you and Brother Neville. If Brother Neville wanted to preach Jehovah Witness doctrine, that's up to him and you. See?

If he wanted to preach anything he wanted to, that's between you and him. That's all. If the congregation votes for him in there, to preach that, that's all right. That's up to him.

HEBREWS.CHAPTER.SEVEN.2

JEFF.IN HEB SUNDAY 57-0922

349 And you people with these
saw-blade tempers, that's
always spouting off in the
mouth at somebody, can't put
up,

and things like that. Be careful.
You're guilty if you speak a word
(against your brother) that's not
right,

not just, go around and tear down it. You don't have to stick a knife in a man's back to kill him. You can break his character and kill him, kill his influence.

Speak against your pastor
here, say something bad about
him, you just might as well as
shot him.

Told something that wasn't right about him, well, it'll kill his influence with the people and things like that, and you're guilty of it. What Jesus said.

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.ON.HEBRE

WS.3 JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY 57-1006

331-768 If I ever... If a--if a family ever loses its respect for the family (the children lose the respect to the parents), that family's tore to pieces.

If a--if a church ever loses
respect of its pastor, why
it--it--it--that church is gone.

And if a nation ever loses their
respect of the Supreme Court
and its decisions, that nation is
gone to pieces.

That's exactly right. We've got to respect those things, because they're the big boss. See? But it isn't right in the beginning. Absolutely.

HEAR.HIS.VOICE JEFF.IN

SUNDAY 58-1005M

E-41 But we modern Americans,
what we do... And the false
prophets behind the pulpit say
that's all right. I'm kinda in the
notion of saying this;

if I'm wrong, God forgive me.
And I'm persuaded that a lot of
them don't know God. And the
congregation will never live
any higher than its pastor. No
wonder the Scripture says,

"These shepherds, how they have scattered the flock, woe unto them." They are the branches that bare not fruit, which will be plucked off and burned.

CHURCH.ORDER JEFF.IN COD

TUESDAY 58-1007

1196-41 Don't never get
yourself puffed up to a place
where you know more about it
than your pastor or the church
that you are worshipping in.

If you get to that place, then I would advise each one of you to get another place to worship with.

Because, I am asking the pastor never to permit anything outside of the Bible order, the way we have seen it here in the church. And then we want these gifts to be operated,

and in place, and the worshippers. If it's carried on correctly, according to the Word, you'll see a mighty wonderful church in operation for our Lord Jesus Christ.

CHURCH.ORDER JEFF.IN COD

TUESDAY 58-1007

1197-48 And in all prayer
meetings, where they're
gathered together, groups, a
prayer meeting, the pastor
must be at each one.

It should never be left to any individual to go lead such meetings. For we have found it so, that they get off the track,

on doctrine, and then they
cause--bring it right back into
the church, and, many time,
bring heresies, and so forth,
which doesn't belong in the
Church of the living God.

And the pastor should be at all prayer meetings, and so forth, where congregate--or gatherings are.

CHURCH.ORDER JEFF.IN COD

TUESDAY 58-1007

1199-63 And now to the

pastor, to our Brother Neville,

at this time.

Remember, he is the full head
of the church. Brother Neville
has the right to exercise any
authority that the Holy Spirit
would,

anything the Holy Spirit would tell him to say, in other words. In the church, he has the right to anything that God would lead him to do.

He also has the right over his deacon board. He can change the deacon board, the trustees, or--or pianist, or any other office in the church that he desires to change,

feeling led by the Holy Spirit to do so. And whatever he does, I will recognize it, as he (I believe) to be a godly man.

I will recognize it to be of the Lord, and will sanction the same, therefore it gives him the authority then to operate the church the way he feels led to do it. Now, or, any office in the church,

that he desires to--to--to switch positions of people, for he has the authority to do that. Which, I trust that this will always be lovely and never have to be used.

A.TOTAL.DELIVERANCE JEFF.IN V-11

N-1 SUNDAY 59-0712

78 Well, look what He does for us in the condition that we're in, what would He do if we were one heart and one accord?

And the only way we can do that is unify our hearts together with brotherly love, obey the offices of the church and the pastor, and the pastor obey God;

then God works through the pastor, through the board, down into the church, and all together are one unit to the Kingdom of God. Then God will hear when we have a unified group.

Let nothing bother you. Don't be dismayed in anything. Now, that's the kind of a person that God ordained to take the land.

Moses was complete; he was a man that wouldn't compromise. If there were stews, and fusses, and so forth, he wouldn't compromise. That's what God wants us now.

JEZEBEL.RELIGION MIDDLETOWN.OH

V-6 N-14 SUNDAY 61-0319

19 There's been so many things you've done for me, and I appreciate it. Now, if I can help you towards giving you a prayer cloth or something...

Now, don't ask me doctrine,
because I--I don't desire to do
that. So many people writes me
questions about marriage and
divorce and so forth,

which is a tangle in the church; I always refer them back, and say, "Ask your pastor." People's wrote me letters here and said, "What about this?"

And what about that?" I refer the letter back; you'll get it. See your pastor on little things, because, after all, he's your shepherd.

See, he's the--he's the one that God sent to watch over you. And we might disagree upon it, and then that causes confusion in your church. We don't want that. No, no.

We just want you quit doing things that's sinful, things out of the Bible, just keep moving on towards God. See? And if you cause little frictions and things like that, that upsets the church.

So I'd rather your pastor tell
you about marriage and
divorce, and these things and
them things; let him do it. He's
God's servant too, and he's
equipped to do that.

ABRAHAM.AND.HIS.SEED.AFTER.HI
M BLOOMINGTON.IL SUNDAY
61-0416

E-25 Now, God called him by
election. Now, brethren, my
precious darling brethren,

if I happen to get out of order in the Scriptural doctrine, will you just forgive me for it and knowed it's my ignorance? Will you do it...?...

And my theological brethren out there, if you feel I--my doctrine is wrong, will you just forget it? See, just... Now, many you people are writing me letters and saying,

"Brother Branham, should we do this or do that?" I always say,
"Ask your pastor." See?
Because I'll do anything I can answer you on the great fundamental evangelical doctrines of the Bible.

But when it comes to about:
"Should we do this and do that."
I always refer to your pastor,
because we might...

Each man, there isn't two here, but what would disagree with one another on little technical things, whether we should comb our hair on the right side or the left.

And mine, I have no trouble with that. So--so... But you know what I mean. We--we have those things,

so I always just say that every congregation, "Ask your pastor those things." If he has led you far enough to be saved and filled with the Holy Ghost,

can't you trust him the rest of the way through? If God honored him for that... But on bringing this timely thought to the people this afternoon,

I'm going to have to use just a little bit of doctrine, that might be said, or something like that, but if you don't think it's right, just lay it aside and go on.

If the pastor teaches anything a little different, forget what I said about it. See? Because I'm trying to come to a point. I hope that's all right. I hope that's made clear.

THE.GODHEAD.EXPLAINED

CHICAGO.IL V-2 N-24 TUESDAY

61-0425B

13-5 Now, brethren, when we approach this, I hope that when this is over, that we'll be the same brothers that we've been all along (See?);

but I feel that I owe it to you,
because your people comes to
my meetings, and I certainly
wouldn't want to send one of
them away deceived.

And I have always told the people who write me questions, outside of what I preach on the platform...

And here's my secretary and so forth. If they ask me a question, "What about this?" or "What about that?" I said, "Ask your pastor, because if he's led you this far,

till you received the Holy
Ghost, he'll take you on." You
see? "You ask your pastor,"
because little things like that
causes confusion; and
therefore, I leave away from it.
You see?

WE.WOULD.SEE.JESUS

VICTORIA.BC FRIDAY 62-0727

E-20 And the religious
questions that you might have
in your mind, I'd advise you ask
your pastor and not me,

because every man's leading
his flock. And if he's--the pastor
has led you safely this far, trust
him the rest of the way. He... If
he brought you up to be filled
with God's Spirit,

and living the life that I trust that you're living, why, trust him the rest of the way. He will be able to answer your questions.

RESPECTS JEFF.IN V-13 N-4

SUNDAY 61-1015E

165 If you can't respect the
man, respect the office he
holds in God. That's exactly
right (See?); respect him.

If a minister comes up, your pastor, always respect him. I've heard congregations talk about their pastor, how just talk about him, run him down, ridicule him.

How is that pastor ever going to do anything for you? He can't do it. You-- you don't--you don't re... I don't say this church, but I mean churches I have seen, that if you...

You've got to love your pastor.
You've got to know that he's a
human being, but yet God has
made him His pastor.

The Holy Ghost has made him overseer; then you've got to respect him in that manner. And no matter what the pastor's done, if you respect him in your heart as God's servant,

God will respect you for doing it.
"He that--he that receiveth Me,
receiveth Him that sent Me,"
Jesus said. "He that don't
receive Me, can't receive Him."

See, they said God was their Father; He said, "Your father's the devil." So, you see, you've got to respect it and believe it, believe that He is. Yes, Martha believed it.

YOU.MUST.BE.BORN.AGAIN JEFF.IN

V-11 N-5 SUNDAY 61-1231M

31 Therefore, it's the duty of
we as pastors to see that this
flock is fed and fed right,
because God Almighty will
require your blood at our hands.

At the day of the judgment
we'll answer for you. So seeing
this great tremendous
responsibility that's placed
upon us,

and God has given us people who love us and come to hear us, then we should spend our time constantly watching for your souls.

And when the first little thing we see raising up that's not right, it's our duty to come to that person, because we are shepherds watching that sheep.

And if I see that sheep eating on a weed that will kill it, I better drive it away from that weed, jerk the weed right away from it so it cannot get to it because it'll kill the sheep.

REVELATION.BOOK.OF.SYMBOL

S JEFF.IN V-13 N-6 SUNDAY

56-0617

57 If a boy was at the door, and
knocked at the door latch, tell
the ushers,

"I have a telegram here for Mrs. So-and-so and Mr. So-and-so."
He would be a messenger, a earthly angel. Your pastor,
when he stands here on the
platform,

ministering the Word of God,
he is God's angel to the church,
messenger to the church.

Therefore, a pastor should never
leave that Word,

but stay straight with the Word,
because He's feeding the
shepherd's place, 'cause the--the
word "pastor" means
"shepherd." Look it up and find
out if that ain't right.

A pastor is a shepherd, and the Holy Ghost has made him overseer over a certain flock to feed them. What with? The Word of God. Amen. Oh, my, what a...

HEBREWS.CHAPTER.SEVEN.2

JEFF.IN HEB SUNDAY 57-0922

293 Now, coming to this
blessed, old Message here.

You, now I want you to know
that. This is tape recorded,
remember, this Message.

And the tape recordings of the church, the orders and rules of the church, it's on tape recording. That's according to the Bible.

We don't run it; there's nobody in head. No. All, we're all the same. But, we got a leader, that is the pastor, as long as he's led by the Holy Ghost. True. All right.

CHURCH.ORDER JEFF.IN COD

TUESDAY 58-1007

1198-49 And the pastor should
never take sides in the
meeting, by saying there is one
group is this way and one that
way.

The pastor should stand between both of them, and go to them, and get them reconciled, immediately. And if he can't get them reconciled, let him take a deacon with him.

And then if they're--they won't hear neither pastor nor deacon, then it should be told to the church, and, as Jesus said, "Let them be unto you as a heathen and a publican."

"And whatever you bind on earth," said Jesus, "I will bind in Heaven, and what you loose on earth, I will loose in Heaven."

REVELATION.CHAPTER.FOUR.3

JEFF.IN ROJC 645-716 SUNDAY

61-0108

162 Now, turn with me right
quick to Ephesians 5,

just hold your place and go back
just a few pages back to
Ephesians the 5th chapter and
the 26th verse. That he might
sanctify and cleanse it... (The
church, he's speaking of.)

See, now, let--let me go back a little farther than that. Go back about the 21st verse, while you're looking. Submit yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

"Submit yourself..."

Congregation, submit yourself
to your pastor. Pastor, submit
yourself to your congregation.
If a little clique rises up, don't
be on either side;

submit yourself to the whole
congregation. Congregation, if
you start in a clique, submit
yourself to your pastor in the
fear of God. See? Oh, brother.
Um.

GOD.DOESN'T.CALL.MAN.TO.JUDG
MENT.WITHOUT.FIRST.WARNING.HI
M_JEFF.IN V-8 N-3 WEDNESDAY

63-0724

104 But, you see, in the church
there is the pastor, and that
pastor is a special person.

He's built to where he can--he can put up with the fusses of the people. He--he-- he's a burden-bearer, he's the ox of the team.

He--he's a man that can sit
down when the... somebody's
got something against
somebody else, and sit down
with them two families

(and take neither side) and
reason it out and bring it right
back into sweetness. See?
He--he's a pastor, he knows how
to take care of things.

105 The evangelist is a special man. He's a man that's burning like a fireball. He runs into a city and preaches his message, then gets out of there somewhere else. See, he's a special man.

106 The teacher is a special man. He sits back under the anointing of the Spirit and is able to take the Words and put them together by the Holy Spirit, that, the pastor or evangelist either one could not compare with him.

107 And then, we find out, the apostle is a special man. He's a--he's a "set-her-in-order." He's a man that's sent from God to set the things in order.

HEBREWS.CHAPTER.SEVEN.2

JEFF.IN HEB SUNDAY 57-0922

276 By the way, while I'm speaking; somebody, in around this country somewhere,

is guilty of writing some cards,
to move Brother Neville out of
this pulpit. You're going to have
to settle that with me. Uh-huh.

That's right. Uh-huh. Yes, indeed. Now, I want you... Said the dea-... something about the deacon board.

The deacon board has not one thing to do with that pastor. No, sir. The congregation, in full, has all the authority. It isn't... A deacon board is just the policemen here in this church,

just to keep order and so forth.
But when it comes to rules, the
whole church has to say so. This
church is built upon the
sovereignty of the local church.

Therefore, I have nothing to say in moving this pastor, or putting one in. I own the property; it's given to the church. You all are the church.

You people are the one who control. You're the church, yourself. And the Church, the holy Church of God is the sovereignty, of the Holy Spirit in that Church.

And the only thing I do is own the property, give it over to this church, as give it over for a church, and it's tax free. And the church elects their own pastors. I have nothing to do with it.

And the only way this pastor
could ever leave, would be the
pastor decide himself to go, or
the majority of the votes of the
church would have to say,
"Change the pastor."

That's the only way. No deacon board can do it. The deacon board only keeps order and things in the church.

277 The trustees, they have nothing to do with it, only repair the church. And they can't do it until there's a...

The whole trustee board meets and says, "We'll build this, or we'll do that." Then they have to ask the treasurer if they got the money to do it. Yes, sir.

THE.BAPTISM.OF.THE.HOLY.SPIRIT

JEFF.IN V-5 N-2 SUNDAY 58-0928M

186 And this church is
sovereign. There ain't no board
of trustees or deacons going
to tell you what to do.

This church in a whole vote
tells you what to do. That's
exactly right. If there's a
decision... If you don't like your
pastor,

and there's two or three people gets something against the pastor, they can't raise up. If they're deacons, trustees, they just... Or what officer they are here they just got one vote; that's all.

If he's assistant pastor, he's just got one vote. He's just like the lay member sets back there. The whole vote of the church settles the matter.

And that's right; that's--that's right. No deacon board put a pastor out, or no pastor put a deacon board out. The church does that in a general vote of the whole thing.

It's sovereign in itself. We have
no bishops; we have no general
overseers; we have Jesus.
Amen. He's the Bishop. He's
the General Overseer.

He's the head Pastor. He's the
King. He's the Lord. He's the
Healer. He's All and All. And
we're just His subjects walking
in the Light. Amen.

RESPECTS JEFF.IN V-13 N-4

SUNDAY 61-1015E

53 And that, and because that
God is God, He deserves a
respect. That's right.

And He, we've got to respect Him and give a fear to Him, and that brings respect. God has demanded that for Himself and for all His servants.

God demands respects for His servants. He--His servants, how we know that they're His servants, because He a vindicates these servants by His Word.

He takes these servants and makes them servants of God, and proves that they are servants, by making His Word work through them servants.

Then as you respect that
servant, you respect God. So
when I respect you, and you
respect me, and we respect
each other, then we're
respecting God.