

Myth #10: The Church is a Democracy

part two

Pagan Authority

Vision for Self

-> Power Over Others

-> Self-Benefit

Kingdom Authority

God's Vision

-> Take Responsibility

-> Power Under

-> Shared Vision

-> All Benefit

1Pet. 5:3-5 To the elders among you I appeal... Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, *serving* as overseers — not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but *eager to serve*; *not lording it over* those entrusted to you, but being *examples* to the flock.

Heb. 13:17-18 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls and will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with sighing—for that would be harmful to you. Pray for us...

Deut. 27:1 Then Moses and the elders of Israel charged all the people as follows: Keep the entire commandment that I am commanding you today.

Acts 16:4-5 As [Paul and Timothy] went from town to town, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. So the churches were strengthened in the faith and increased in numbers daily.

Col. 3:15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Matt. 12:25. Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand.

- 1. If God is Leading You to WHC:
Commit.**
- 2. Support the Ministry Through
Committed Prayer and Finances**
- 3. Consider Becoming a Covenant
Partner**
- 4. Consider Participating in a Ministry**
(see Pastor **Jodie Frick-Formiller**)
- 5. Consider Joining a Small Group**