



Outline - Sunday, June 19, 2016

Sermon Title: "Bishops, Elders and Deacons"

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 3:1-16

1. **Their Purpose is to Govern the Church:** Eph 4:11/Titus 1:5
 - a. To oversee its total welfare - (Episkope) - 1 Peter 5:1-5
 - b. To maintain its twofold function - (Prophetic - Priestly)

2. **The Church is the ground and Pillar of the Truth** - vs 16
 - a. Where the Word of God is upheld as the authority - 2 Tim 4:1
 - b. The Gospel of Jesus Christ as Lord is the message - 1 Cor 2:2/1:18/Acts 4:12

3. **The Church is a royal Priesthood** - 1 Peter 2:1-6
 - a. God's earthly mediating instrument - 1 Tim 2:5
 - b. Given to a Life of Prayer - vs Is 56:7/Acts 6:4
 - c. The Message of reconciliation - 2 Cor 5:18-19

4. **The Deacon serves as a diligent minister of Christ to the Church** - 1 Tim 3:8
 - a. His character is honest - (not double tongued) - "Christ/Church-model"
 - b. His conduct is diligent - (He kicks the dust) - Dia - Konis
 - c. He is the Zeal of Christ personified - John 2:17/Rom 12:8