

Be a Blessing to the Body of Christ
By Loving Devotion to the Word of God

➤ What role does Scripture play in the life and ministry of the church?

I. It is the _____ for the Ministers in the Church – 2 Timothy 3:16–4:5

A. The Authoritative Word for the Individual (3:15–17)

1. Scripture _____ (v.15)

2. Scripture _____ (v.16)

3. Scripture _____ (v.17)

B. The Authoritative Word for the Church (4:1–2)

1. The preaching ministry is _____ (v.1)

2. The preaching ministry is _____ (v.2a)

3. The preaching ministry is _____ (v.2b)

C. The Authoritative Word for the Apostates—or at least the vulnerable (4:3–5)

1. The preaching of the truth will often be unpopular. (vs.4–5)

2. The preaching of the truth is the solution to apostacy. (v.6)

II. It Determines and Describes _____ of the Church – Ephesians 5:31–32; Romans 12:4–13; 1 Peter 5:1–3; Acts 20:28–29; 1 Timothy 5:1–2

➤ **What can we learn from the illustrations God gives us of His church?**

A. The _____ of Christ – **Ephesians 5:31–32**

- What are some practical applications of this beautiful picture for how we live and minister in the church?

B. The _____ of Christ – **Romans 12:4–13**

- Notice the beautiful expressions in this text, in verses 5 and 10.

- What are some practical manifestations of devotion to one another?

C. The _____ of Christ – **1 Peter 5:1-3** and **Acts 20:28-29**

God's ownership of the church must always be recognized and applied.

D. The _____ of God – **1 Timothy 5:1-2**

III. It Informs Us of the _____ and _____ of the Church – 1 Timothy 3:1-15; Matthew 18:15-17; 1 Timothy 5:17-21

Here are some examples of how Scripture guides us practically regarding the proper structure and function within the church:

A. Leadership Structure and Working – **1 Timothy 3:1-15**

- What can we learn about leadership in the church from this text?

1. _____ (vs.14–15)
2. _____ (v.1)
3. _____ (vs.2–7)
4. _____ (vs.8–13)

- We don't have to guess or imagine how God intends the leadership of the church to look or function. He has shown us! And we would do well to follow His instruction.

B. How to Deal with Sin in a Brother or Sister – **Matthew 18:15–17**

1. We are guided in relation to the ***practices*** of dealing with sin.
2. We are guided in relation to the ***purpose*** and ***principles*** of dealing with sin.

C. What to Do If a Pastor or Elder is Accused of a Sin – **1 Timothy 5:19–21**

D. Is the local church responsible for paying/supporting the pastor(s) and elders? –
1 Timothy 5:17–18

IV. It Sets the _____ and _____ for the Church –
Acts 2:41–47

V. It _____ in the Church – 2 Timothy 3:16a