

Is The Modern Pastor Role Biblical?

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Do you know the role of the modern priest/CEO pastor: one man in a pulpit running the service, doing all the teaching, putting on a weekly show in total charge of the entire body is **NOT found ANYWHERE the bible?** Only one New Testament bible verse mentions the pastor role and it is a “servant” not the ‘lording over’ modern pastor position we see today. Many men are to share and teach, not just one!

Fact: Man created the all-powerful CEO pastors role, not God.

Jesus said in Matthew 20:25

But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them.

Jesus never lorded over others so why should any pastor?

Fact: Many men are to be active in the body's gathering.

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Fact: Do you know that a group of godly elders were to oversee the body, not one hired man to run and rule it? Paul said

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*Multiple elders was the rule in the New Testament church. see: Acts 14, 15, 21, 1 Timothy 5:7, Titus 1:5, Hebrews 11:2, James 5:14.

HERE is an article about lone Bishop rule and how unbiblical it is.

The modern pastor is a handed down falsehood. The result is that God's pure design is tossed away for man's rule. God's Spirit is not allowed to move as He, "the Creator", desired and the product of modern religion is most often biblically ignorant, lazy, disobedient, worldly people who don't follow all of His truth. They would NEVER be called Christ's set apart Holy bride in the early New Testament body so why should they be considered His bride today? Please don't stay in error and instead seek the true biblical New Testament body for God's glory.

Jeremiah 10:15

They are vanity, and the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish.

Fact: The pastor's role is shepherding (Ephesians 4) he is not to “lord over” the body and run it. (See Matt 20)

Over time, man's traditions have perverted it and this steals from God's glory as His Spirit no longer leads the body but one man does. Study the real New Testament church and see God's design for His body. Jesus Christ is the HEAD of His church (1 Corinthians 11) not any man in a lifted up pulpit as we see today all over denominational America. They have left His full teachings so can these places be His true church? Now, some of the people there may be His and they might find truth and salvation in the end, but surely if they are striving in His Word they will work to change their body or leave it for His glory. We pray you are one of them.

Here again are the scripture verses to point you to the correct function in God's true New Testament body.

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Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

1 Peter 2:5

Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

*The Modern pastor is often lifted up or found "lifting himself up" in his modern role.

Jesus said

Matthew 23:12

And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

God's Word warned that wolves would come in:

Acts 20:29

For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

(Beware of modern wolves in the pulpit.)

Biblical bodies encourage the priesthood of all believers, not one paid clergy position to usurp control. Jesus died to allow us all access to God through Him (1 Peter 2 / Mark 15:38)

*Often modern CEO pastors are looked upon as closer to God or as the "head" of the church when that role is for "Jesus Christ" alone! (Colossians 1:18)

*Men are not to have lifted up titles such as reverend.
(Only God is called reverend / see Psalms 111:9)

*The paid "salaried positions" of CEO modern pastors are NOT biblical as being practiced. Let's remember that Paul worked to support himself so as not to be a burden to the body. (1 Corinthians 9)

*Seminary trained leaders were never Christ's standard as He chose and trained "regular men" for ministry. Man makes a professional career out of what was to be a lowly servant of God in full obedience to His Word.

Why Do You Have a Ruling Man Up On a Stage Today? This error comes from pagan Rome. The 4th century emperor put priests (as paid staff) to rule over the crowds packed into pews of once pagan temples, which is in violation of God's plan of the priesthood of each believer. (See 1 Peter 2) Then when the reformation occurred that same perverted system was left in place, removing the priest and adding a lording over "pastor", again in violation of God's true plan. (See Matthew 20 / 1 Peter 5)

Do you know that modern denominations often run their organizations like a business with CEO pastors who are not following God's full truth? This is all because of sin and false teachers who have crept in over time. (See false teachers like Peter Drucker, Bill Hybels and Rick Warren and so many more who compromise the gospel and teach lies just to fill buildings.)

The true biblical body is to consist of many saints participating, not just a few lifted up clergy types doing all of the teaching, functions and actions. That is not found in God's Word. Sitting in a pew watching error filled, man-made shows does not grow godly men.

Is your religious group functioning in line with God's Holy ways or are you following man's created false, wayward traditions? Multiple elders are to oversee, not lord over it or force everyone else to be only spectators. God's plan has been stolen by pagan practices (and men) throughout history and they continue the falsehoods today against the Word of God Almighty.

God's Word Has Spoken on Modern Pastors.

It is God's design that must be followed and practiced not man's system of the modern pastor role.

1 Peter 5:1-4

The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: [2] Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; [3] Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. [4] And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Fact: Pastors/elders are to be holy examples and not bosses that lord over you, controlling the entire gathering of saints. Will you follow God's plan or man's?

2 Corinthians 1:24

Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.

Are you seeking (daily) for deeper truth and higher holy ground in Christ? This is part of the sanctification process that all true believers must be in for God's glory. Men, are you willing to step up in the body or will you just pay another man to do it for you? The bible says:

2 Corinthians 13:5

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

Are you examining yourself? Or like many, will you just compromise on man's traditions as you sit idle under a modern unbiblical pastor; all against God's design?

Recap on the False Modern Pastor Role

*The bible shows us that early New Testament congregations were overseen (not run) by a multiple of elders. (Acts 20:28, Titus 1 and 1 Peter 5)

*The male New Testament members were responsible for exercising their spiritual gifts in the body in open participatory gatherings (Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 2) not just one man.

*A pastor role is a gift not an office, and various male members may exercise it freely. (Ephesians 4) It means to shepherd others.

*Unlike the modern bodies of today, the elders (or pastors) were entrusted with responsibility for the oversight of the body but not to lord over it and control everything. (See Matthew 20)

*Many men should step up and use their gifts in a gathering not just watch. (1 Cor 14:26)

*No lady pastors or elders are allowed in God's true church (1 Timothy 2 / Titus 1)

*The modern pastor role is not found in the bible.