

A Study Guide to
Alexander Strauch’s
*Biblical Eldership*

PART 2—Defense of Biblical Eldership

Chapter 6: Bible-Based Leadership Structure

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**Q:** Strauch wrote, “For many people the issue of church government is as irrelevant an issue as the color of the church pews" (pg. 101). In the same paragraph he countered this idea with these words, "Church government is an extremely practical and theologically significant issue" (pg. 101). Why is this topic considered to be unimportant by so many? How does church government impact a church's practice and theology?

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**Q:** Strauch presents some common objections to the doctrine of plural elder leadership in the local church (pgs. 104-106). Some argue that Moses and James were examples of pastoral leadership by one individual. What is your response to these objections?

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**Q**: In the Bible there are many things that are recorded but not necessarily meant to be imitated. Take into account the passages presented in this chapter. Is the New Testament model of church government being *de*scribed or *pre*scribed? Explain your answer.

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**Q:** Strauch wrote, "I am convinced that the elder structure of government best harmonizes with and promotes the true nature of the local church as revealed in the New Testament" (pg. 109). What did Strauch mean? In other words, what is the true nature of a local church and how does plural elder leadership promote it?

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**Q**: By way of application and in light of this chapter, what should you do if you are going to pursue the office of elder? Be specific.

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