

# CHURCH LEADERSHIP



1. According to Colossians 1:13–18, who is the head of the church? What does it mean to be “head” of the church?

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2. There are some qualities that Christian leaders should have. What do these passages tell us those qualities should be?

Mark 10:35–45 \_\_\_\_\_

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1 Peter 5:1–4 \_\_\_\_\_

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Ephesians 4:11–13 \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Good leaders never stop trying to be better. Church leaders have opportunities to learn and grow in their jobs. These opportunities might include seminars, conferences, classes, training events, personal study, or even advanced degrees. Speak with the following individuals and ask each to share with you how they continue to grow and learn as a leader.

Cadet counselor \_\_\_\_\_

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Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

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Sunday school teacher \_\_\_\_\_

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Elder or deacon \_\_\_\_\_

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4. With the help of a parent, pastor, or Cadet counselor, briefly write out the process for how someone is nominated and elected to a position of elder or deacon in your church.

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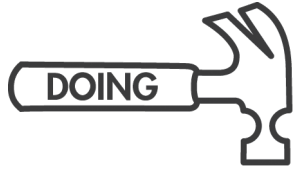
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1. List the name(s) of the ordained minister(s) in the church you attend. Also list the names of this church's elders and deacons. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Make a list of ten people who are serving as leaders in various areas in the life of the church and write down how they serve as a leader. This may include Sunday school teachers, Cadet or GEMS leaders, Vacation Bible School director, nursery leader, music leader, youth pastor, and more.

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3. Choose one of the individuals from either list above (Doing #1 and #2) and interview him or her. Write the answers to the questions in the Interview box in the next column.

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**INTERVIEW**

How did you sense that you were called to serve in your position of leadership in the church? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are some of the greatest challenges you encounter as you serve God through your position of leadership? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are some of the blessings and joys that you have experienced as you have served? \_\_\_\_\_

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What could others, including myself, do to encourage or support you in your role as a church leader? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Write a note of encouragement and thanks to a leader in your church. Show your note to your counselor (so he knows you have completed this requirement); then send the note and take time to pray for that leader as they serve God. Write down the name of the person you sent the note to:

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5. With the help of your counselor, decide on a leadership role for you to do within your Cadet club. Then do it. For example, lead your group in opening exercises, make announcements at a council event, help organize a fundraiser, take a visible part in Cadet Sunday at your church, etc.

My leadership role: \_\_\_\_\_

Discuss with your counselor how well you carried out this leadership responsibility and how it affected other people.

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