

# HEARTBEAT

## Church Governance



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# The last words of David



1 These are the last words of David: . . . 2 "The Spirit of the Lord spoke through me; his word was on my tongue.  
3 The God of Israel spoke, the Rock of Israel said to me:  
'When one rules over people in righteousness, when he rules in the fear of God, 4 he is like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning, like the brightness after rain that brings grass from the earth.'



2 SAMUEL 23:1-4

# God's covenant with David



8 I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock,  
and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. . . 11 The  
LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will  
establish a house for you . . . 15 But my love will never be  
taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom  
I removed from before you. 16 Your house and your  
kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will  
be established forever.'"



2 SAMUEL 7:8-16

Isaiah 9:6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. 7 There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, **On the throne of David and over his kingdom**, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this. (NASB)



ISAIAH 9:6-7

# David's last psalm



1 Endow the king with **your justice**, O God, the royal son with **your righteousness**. 2 May he judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice. 3 May the mountains bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness. 4 May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may he crush the oppressor.



PSALM 72:1-20



Psalm 89:14 **Righteousness** and **justice** are the foundation of your throne;

Psalm 97:1 **Righteousness** and **justice** are the foundation of His throne. (NASB)

Isaiah 9:7 He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with **justice** and **righteousness**



# Solomon's Prayer



7 That night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." 8 Solomon answered God, "You have shown great kindness to David my father and have made me king in his place. 9 Now, LORD God, let your promise to my father David be confirmed, for you have made me king over a people who are as numerous as the dust of the earth. 10 Give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may lead this people, for who is able to govern this great people of yours?"



2 CHRONICLES 1:7-12

11 God said to Solomon, "Since this is your heart's desire and you have not asked for wealth, possessions or honor, nor for the death of your enemies, and since you have not asked for a long life **but for wisdom and knowledge to govern my people** over whom I have made you king, 12 therefore wisdom and knowledge will be given you. And I will also give you wealth, possessions and honor, such as no king who was before you ever had and none after you will have."



2 CHRONICLES 1:7-12

# The purpose of authority

## 1. PROSPER

Build others up



So even if I boast somewhat freely about **the authority the Lord gave us for building you up rather than tearing you down**, I will not be ashamed of it.



2 CORINTHIANS 10:8

This is why I write these things when I am absent,  
that when I come I may not have to be harsh in my  
use of authority—the authority the Lord gave me for  
building you up, not for tearing you down.



2 CORINTHIANS 13:10

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## 2. PROTECT

Stand in front of





4 He must manage (rule NKJV, lead YLV) his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect. 5 (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?)



1 TIMOTHY 3:4-5

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## 3. PROPEL

Cause to launch



7 Therefore, brothers and sisters, in all our distress and persecution we were encouraged about you because of your faith. 8 For **now we really live**, since **you are standing firm** in the Lord.

1 THESSALONIANS 3:7-8



# Attendants of the Bride



**I am a servant of the bride  
but the bride is not my master  
The bride is called to submit to me  
but I am not her Lord**



**My authority is given to build up God's bride BUT I  
have none to tear her down**

**God's bride is free to respond to leaders however  
she likes BUT there is no advantage to resisting  
those God has appointed**



**Attendants who lay their own lives down for the  
bride will see the most resultant life in her  
Members of the bride who honor and co-operate  
with the attendants best, will experience the  
most resultant inheritance**



- Respect them as skilled servants
- Loving hold them in high regard
- Obey them
- Submit to their authority
- Don't begrudge them a good salary
- Imitate their faith
- Pray for them
- Don't accuse or slander them





## TO ATTENDANTS

- Equip her
- Build her up through exercise
- Protect her
- Be examples for her
- Serve her
- Present her
- Guide her
- Lead her



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