

**Exodus 18:13-27**  
Good Government

*One busy prophet gets advice ...*

- I. A Wise Administrator
  - A. Observes the Problem
  - B. Goes by the Book
  - C. Provides a Solution
- II. An Effective System
  - A. Mediator & Messenger
  - B. A Board of Elders
  - C. Under-shepherds
- III. Qualified Men
  - A. God Fearing & Trustworthy
  - B. Assigned Districts
  - C. Overseeing God's Flock

*... and becomes a Presbyterian!*

**Children, Listen ...**

1. Why was Jethro concerned about Moses?
2. What plan did they come up with to solve the problem?
3. God has called some men in the church to be leaders what are they called? D \_\_\_\_\_ s and E \_\_\_\_\_ s.
4. While there may be many leaders in the church, there is only one head or King of it. What is His name?

**Good, Godly Church Government**

The way the church is structured and how it operates may not be the most stimulating of topics for most Christians. But God has a lot to say about the way His church is to be organized and led. It is also critical that good, godly men fill the ordained leadership positions of elder and deacon. Since that is true Biblical Church government is one of the Core Values of Covenant Church.

**Core Value V. GOVERNMENT**

The Bible instructs us in the orderly governing of Christ's church and specifies that officers are ordained to nurture, lead, protect and discipline the people of God in the local congregation. We will therefore empower humble and godly men who are qualified and called to serve in the position of elder and deacon as servant-leaders of Covenant.