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As children begin to grow up, parents undertake the task of teaching and encouraging them to become more responsible members of the family, or at least they should! Parents have the rule over the household, fathers as the head and mother as the helpmeet, a picture of Christ and His bride.

The tasks at home increase and it is necessary for parents to delegate these tasks for two reasons.

1. To retain order in the house, God's order that is, each child learning how to keep themselves clean and tidy and the room in which they sleep. Later they are to help in other activities in the home, to serve the larger family.
2. To develop their character, praising them in their obedience and willingness of heart or correcting them in their disobedience and unwillingness. Both these things are of equal value and will train them in the way ahead.

Ephesians 4 verse 11-13

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

Psalms 128 verse 1-5

How blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in His ways. 2 When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, you will be happy and it will be well with you. 3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive plants around your table. 4 Behold, for thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord. 5 the Lord bless you from Zion, and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. Indeed, may you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!

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So we have two facets of leadership in the church.

1. Ruling or governmental - Office of authority
2. Functional or working - tasks to be done

Both facets are essential for leadership

A coin has two sides. One side has the head, the monarch or the ruler. The other side has the tail, the body of subjects. There is only one head and only one body. A two headed or a two tailed coin is not legal tender!

Ruling or Governmental Leadership

A father has a ruling authority, a Pastor or shepherd has a ruling authority, An Elder has a ruling authority, an Apostle has a ruling authority. Other names which could be used: guide, leader, overseer, minister.

This authority is a delegated authority. Every person has authority to rule over his or her own life, but every person needs to know Jesus as Lord, He is the ruler.

1 Corinthians 6 verse 12 - 14

All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything. 13 Food is for the stomach and the stomach is for food, but God will do away with both of them. Yet the body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body. 14 Now God has not only raised the Lord, but will also raise us up through His power.

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