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# Biblical Roles in Church

Trustees

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Trustees play a crucial role in the administration and management of a church's resources and properties. While the Bible doesn't explicitly mention trustees, it provides principles and examples that guide their role in serving the church effectively.

### 1. Stewardship:

- Scripture: 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV) – “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.”
- Trustees are called to be faithful stewards, managing the church's assets and resources responsibly and in line with God's purpose.

### 2. Integrity and Accountability:

- Scripture: Proverbs 11:3 (NIV) – “The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.”
- Trustees should uphold the highest standards of integrity and be accountable for their actions, ensuring transparency in financial matters.

### 3. Servant Leadership:

- Scripture: Matthew 20:26-28 (NIV) – “Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
- Trustees should embrace a servant leadership model, putting the needs of the church and its members above personal interests.

### 4. Financial Prudence:

- Scripture: Luke 16:10 (NIV) – “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.”

- Trustees should exercise wisdom and prudence in managing the church’s finances, ensuring that funds are used for the advancement of God’s kingdom.

## 5. Unity and Harmony:

- Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:12 (NIV) – “Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.”

- Trustees should work in harmony with the church leadership and congregation, fostering unity and cooperation for the greater mission.

## 6. Legal and Ethical Compliance:

- Scripture: Romans 13:1 (NIV) – “Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established.”

- Trustees should ensure that the church complies with legal and ethical standards in all its financial and property dealings.

Orlando L. Tibbetts says in his book, “The Work of the Church Trustee,” each trustee should have the “4M Factor.”

Trustees as Managers

Trustees as Maintenance Supervisors

Trustees in Ministry

Trustees in Mission

Trustees in the church play a significant role in managing God's resources and ensuring that they are used to advance His kingdom. By following biblical principles of stewardship, integrity, servant leadership, financial prudence, unity, and legal compliance, trustees can fulfill their responsibilities with faithfulness and honor in service to the body of Christ.