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## Bible Word of the Week

ἀδελφός – adelphos – brother  
(ad-el-fos')

**Definition:** a brother, whether born of family, having the same ancestry, or a fellow countryman. A fellow believer in Christ.

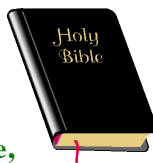


**Sentence:** “My ἀδελφός, count it all joy when you fall into various temptations”  
James 1:2

(Verbs and nouns are not used in their proper tense. They are just to show where they are used in scripture)

## BIBLE FACTS:

1. Moses wrote the most books in the Old Testament, writing the first five books of the Bible, also known as the Pentateuch.
2. Most people think Paul contributed the most writing to the New Testament, however it is actually John. John wrote his gospel, three epistles, and the book of Revelation.



“Now the Lord prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.”

~ Jonah 1:17

“The Bible is the truest utterance that ever came by alphabetic letters from the soul of man, through which, as through a window divinely opened, all men can look into the stillness of eternity, and discern in glimpses their far-distant, long-forgotten home.”

~ Thomas Carlyle

# Discovering Truth

Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk and live in Your truth” – Psalm 86:11

## L.E.A.D.E.R.S.H.I.P.



This country is very familiar with different styles of leadership. Over the short history of this country, we have been through 44 changes to our presidency (43 different men). We have had many military leaders, Congress leaders, state leaders, and the list can go on and on. Sometimes we are against our leaders and sometimes we are for them. We don't always agree with what they have to say. However, God's leaders are different. This morning we are focusing on God's Blueprint for leadership. I wanted to give you a few things to think about in terms of God's leaders.

**L**oyal – a leader sets an example in loyalty to the church family and the surrounding community

**E**nterprising – A leader is industrious and sees through or around difficulties. He does not mind working hard and sacrificially.

**A**ttentive – A leader gives close attention to details, remembering that “cursed is he that doeth the work of the Lord negligently” (Jer. 48:10).

**D**ependable – A leader is always ready and on time. He is always present not only for the service for which he is responsible, but for all services.

**E**ager – A leader is enthusiastic about serving the Lord in the position to which he has been appointed.

**R**adiant – A leader is happy and optimistic, seldom criticizing and always encouraging others.

**S**urrendered – A leader puts Christ first, others second, and himself last.

**H**onest – A leader gives advice, correction, and encouragement even when it may be hard to do so.

**I**ndustrious – A leader works hard. He matches talk with real work.

**P**rayerful – A leader serves as if everything depended on him and prays as if everything depended on God.

God wants leaders who want to serve Him. He wants leaders who put His wants and desires before their own. He not only wants these leaders in the church, but also in the home. If you are a parent or grandparent, reread the list above and see if you are being a Godly leader in the home. The first place a child learns about God is from their parents. May we all strive to be Godly leaders!

-Kevin

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Worship: 10:45 am  
Evening: 5:00 pm

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## God's Blueprint for Leadership

Scripture Reading:

### ➤ Leadership in the Church

#### ○ Terms

- Elders - \_\_\_\_\_
- Overseer/bishop - \_\_\_\_\_
- Shepherd/Pastor - \_\_\_\_\_

#### ○ Duties of Elders

- To be above \_\_\_\_\_
- To \_\_\_\_\_ the church
- To \_\_\_\_\_ the church
- \_\_\_\_\_ the flock
- \_\_\_\_\_ the flock
- Watch out for our \_\_\_\_\_

#### ○ Our duties towards elders

- O\_\_\_\_\_ and R\_\_\_\_\_ them
- L\_\_\_\_\_ to them
- S\_\_\_\_\_ them

### ➤ Leadership in the Home

- Kids need \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ leaders in the home
- From parents, kids learn to...
  - Love their future \_\_\_\_\_
  - Love their \_\_\_\_\_
  - Display \_\_\_\_\_ behavior
  - Love and obey \_\_\_\_\_

This Morning's Sermon:

### God's Blueprint for Leadership

Kevin Harrington

This Evening's Sermon:

### Infidelity to God

J.P. Flores

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## A Look Back In Time

*"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." - George Santayana*

*"Those that fail to learn from history, are doomed to repeat it" - Winston Churchill*

Elias Smith (1769-1846)

A new nation struggles to recover and revive itself. The years following the war are difficult. Great change is on the horizon, and this is certainly true in the religious world as well. A spiritual awakening was coming. Bibles were being printed and distributed everywhere and people were beginning to read them. More and more were realizing that what they were doing in their various houses of worship differed, sometimes greatly from the pattern described in the New Testament. When men of enough courage, reputation and influence like James O'Kelley dared to challenge the leadership of these various doctrines and denominations, they were as sparks to dry kindling. Once lit, the fires of the restoration movement grew swiftly into a wildfire.



One such prominent spark was a man named Elias Smith. Born on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 1769 in Lyme, Connecticut, he would spend most of his life in and around the New England area. Growing up with the war taking place all around him, (he was six years old when the battle of Bunker Hill was fought not far from his homestead) Elias was greatly impacted by it. Like so many other young boys of his generation it was only natural that he quickly developed a deep hatred and resentment of Tories and that his heart burned with a love for freedom.

God played an important role in Elias's life from an early age. As a young boy he worried considerably over his sins. His father was a Baptist and his earliest influences were the pastors and teachers of the local church his family attended. He began his education at age 11 and furthered his studies of the scriptures. By 1789 he began giving thought to becoming a preacher. He was not impressed with those he heard and told himself that if he couldn't do better than them then he wouldn't ever try again. He made up his mind that if he was going to preach God's word then he was going to learn as much of it as he could and be "Truly prepared to teach the Gospel."

By the fall of 1801, now living in Salisbury, New Hampshire, he began to have serious misgivings about many of the doctrines in the Baptist church, particularly that of Calvinism. He began speaking out his views, opinions and misgivings, using the scriptures to cement his arguments. Not surprising, he soon found himself in direct opposition and in disrepute with the Baptist leadership and most of its clergy. In his reaction against Calvinism, he for a time very nearly came to embrace Universalism. While he would eventually turn back from that, it would be an issue that would hurt and hinder his work for the rest of his life.

We'll continue with Elias Smith's life and contributions to the Restoration movement in our next article as well as those of another bright spark, Abner Jones.

Scott A. Cary

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