



Hierarchical Leadership Vs Biblical Leadership

Hierarchical Leadership	Biblical Leadership
Not Found in the New Testament Church Leadership model.	A completely Non Hierarchical model represents New Testament Church Leadership.
Too much about Man's Agenda.	A singular desire for Jesus' Agenda.
Position based Authority I.e. I hold the position of Senior Pastor therefore you must obey me.	Word based Authority I.e. Only a clear scriptural presentation or a Word from Christ is the basis for obedience to Leadership.
Title based Authority I.e. I have the title of Senior Pastor therefore you must give me honor, respect, and obedience.	Character based Authority I.e. Only as I lead by love, care, example wisdom, and service can I anticipate honor, respect and obedience.
Office based Authority I.e. I have the exalted office of Pastor therefore I am in charge, have a right to hire, fire, set policy, determine agenda etc.	Humility based Authority I.e. I am nobody, and only Jesus is the head of His Church. I am not in charge, don't have a right to hire, fire, set policy, or determine agenda, etc.
In Charge.	Only Jesus is in Charge.
The Boss/CEO.	Only Jesus is the Boss/CEO and even He doesn't act like He is.
A hired position.	No hired positions.
A salaried staff minister.	There are no salaried staff ministers.
Clergy.	There are no Clergy.
The right to control the pulpit, and speak in continual monologue.	Allowed brief times of monologue that transitions to open dialogue and group participation.

The Head of the Local Church.	Jesus is the Only Head of the Local Church.
To be given Executive privileges.	No Executive Privileges for anyone.
Called Reverend.	No title, unless it is Servant or Bond Slave.
CEO of a Business.	The Church is not a Business so, needs no human CEO.
Decides the Order of the Service.	There is no "Service," and even if there was he would not have the right to determine the order of activity. That belongs to the Spirit within the context of group consensus.
Deserves special treatment.	Is simply a brother in the midst.
Sits at the head of the table.	Sits wherever there is a chair available.
Is called "Pastor".	Is called "Brother" or by his personal name
Is accorded honor based on title, position, office, education, speaking ability, etc.	Is accorded honor based on being a brother, a gracious and wise leader, and one with proven ability and track record for care, love, and wisdom.
Is the one everyone expects to call on them when they are sick or in need.	Jesus holds this role, and the shepherds minister, along with the rest of the body, at the leading of the Spirit.
Sets all doctrine.	Upholds and communicates clear doctrine, but works in agreement with the Spirit and consensus with the body, towards true doctrine.
Is the one to excommunicate a rebel and unrepentant sinner.	Only the body, in conjunction with the Spirit can excommunicate a person in the context of consensus.
Is the Covering for the Church.	Only Jesus forms the Covering for the Church all believers are accountable to Christ within one another.
Rules the Church.	Only Jesus Rules His Church. Leaders do not rule, they care for, guide, protect, love, and give example.

Decides the name of the Church.	The only name significant to the Church is Jesus' name. The Church needs no specific name.
Directs the Congregational Gathering.	Only Jesus directs the Congregational Gathering.
Overly busy with details of a Church as a business.	Busy with details of ministry, care, and prayer, and nothing to do with Church as a business.
Jealous of local competition for the people in "his" Church.	No local competition, and longs for more and more gatherings in the area where the Church gathers.