

The officers of the church can, from among themselves, constitute an officer, who, *as an officer*, shall be superior to any of those by whom he was constituted.

The officers of the church are entitled to a maintenance from the people who share in their labours. This should not be viewed as a matter of alms and free gift, but as a debt justly and honourably due. Matt. x. 9, 10; 1 Cor. ix. 7-14; 1 Tim. v. 18.

The power of executing the temporal economy of the church belongs either to the church as a body, or to those whom the church shall delegate for that purpose. Acts vi. 2-6.

The proper discipline of the church is to be gathered from those passages of Scripture relating to this subject which are found scattered throughout the sacred volume.

Every particular church should collect, arrange, and explain these texts in written form, for the purpose of informing its members, and also that there may be uniformity in administration.

The design of church discipline is, the reclaiming of offenders, delivering the church from reproach, and inspiring all with the fear of offence.

Can these create yet others? Are they entitled to maintenance? How should this be viewed? Who should attend to the temporal economy of the church? Whence should the proper discipline of the church be gathered? What is the duty of each particular? Why? What is the design of church discipline?