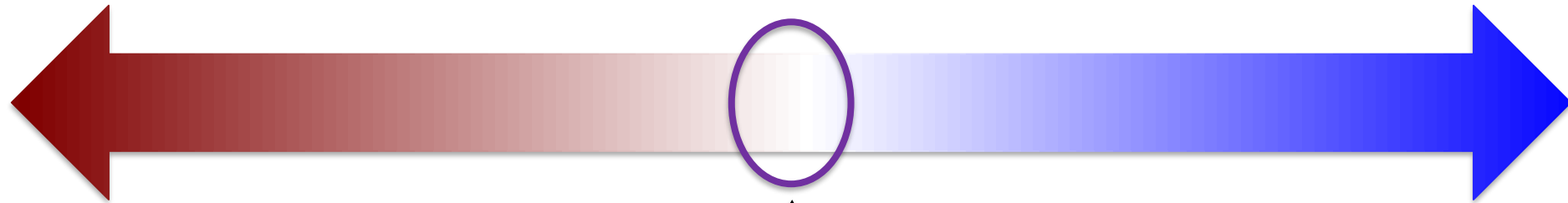


HOW DOES CHURCH LEADERSHIP AFFECT ME?

LEADER - a guiding or directing head, as of an army, movement, or political group. (Webster's)

COOPERATION - an act or instance of working or acting together for a common purpose or benefit; joint action. (Webster's)

AUTONOMY - freedom to live by one's own laws, the right or state of self-government (Webster's)



AUTONOMY

TOO MUCH AUTONOMY MEANS
NOT ENOUGH LEADERSHIP AND
THE CHURCH DOESN'T GET
ANYTHING DONE OR HOLD
ANYONE ACCOUNTABLE

THE PERFECT
LEADERSHIP
SYSTEM

COOPERATION

TOO MUCH COOPERATION
MEANS THE CHURCH IS AT RISK
OF BEING DESTROYED BY FALSE
TEACHING AND IT REMOVES
INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

TOO MUCH AUTONOMY



Discussion Format Worship
Open Mic Preaching
Flexible Meeting Times
No Clear Agenda

For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine; but, having itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts; (11 Timothy 4:3)



TOO MUCH COOPERATION

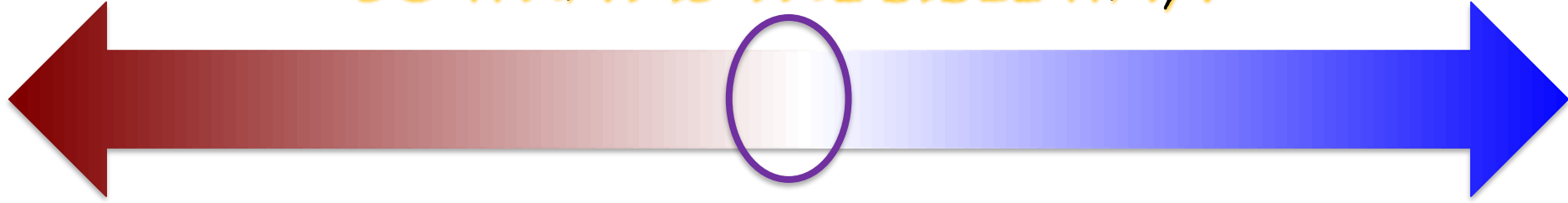
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(Acts 14:23)

POPE
CARDINALS
BISHOPS
PRIESTS
ENTIRE CATHOLIC CHURCH



SO WHAT IS THE BIBLE WAY?



Each Local
Church Is
Autonomous

Tend the flock of God which is among you, exercising the oversight, not of constraint, but willingly, according to the will of God; nor yet for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; (1 Peter 5:2)

Every Church
Has Its Own
Elders

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(Acts 14:23)

Elders Have To
Meet Certain
Qualifications

For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou should set in order the things that were wanting, and appoint elders in every city, as I gave thee charge; if any man is blameless... (Titus 1:5ff)

Qualified
Deacons
Help Support
The Elders

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus that are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:
(Philippians 1:1)

AND EACH CONGREGATION HAS
TO SERVE JESUS!

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