

Community

This response was given to a group of people who wanted to start a spiritual community.

... Study that of the early church, that banding together of those followers of the Master as He departed, and see how they served together and worked together....Study that community that set themselves apart, for there were the Elders, there were those that were the ordained of the Master as leaders among them; and yet none so structured as would be in charge, you see. But rather these bringing self together and listening to the Elders among them. And all listened with patience then, and respected those that were (talking with) the talk of spirit.

That organizational structure in this time should be the same as that. If you would begin then seeking to develop this one and that one for a purpose or as business organizations in your time, in this day, so would you fail. But if you become a family, as they became a family in that time, those ones having all things, then have you found the manner in which that church was organized in the early time and served Him and so it will in this day.

Begin then thinking of self as a church; not a church in those organizational manners as have come in your time, these bastardizations of purpose and so far removed from that set aside in His time.

And how will you find the record of the first church?

(In each church), there was one of the Twelve. So he was a channel among those around who sought to become channels themselves. And if you would understand the functioning of that church, you would know that each and every one of those men who surrounded the Master Christ knew that he was being trained to go out into the world to teach all, and never should there be a church set aside for any other purpose. And yet have you not found in this time that though there would be a channel, those about not seeing themselves as servants to go out into the world? Those (see themselves) to be ever fed - only coming to be fed, to be fed, to be fed; and then not to go out and carry to others.

But let every man among you who would come and be a portion of the church in this time know that it is his responsibility to go out as the missionary, that he only is preparing the self for greater service. Not coming just to be fed, but to use that food, to carry to others.

In this manner would you find this structure and the purpose. Prepare then for His coming of blessings, of peace, as we go to the Father.

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