

Well, I think that Timothy is going about from church to church and so here he's speaking of those that he finds in various churches. I wouldn't - I think we have other

where he's talking of an individual church to show there was a plurality of elders. But as far as this particular verse is concerned, it would seem to me that he's talking about the elders that Timothy meets as he goes from place to place. He's traveling all over - so that you couldn't prove it one way or the other. (Student question) Well, maybe that we would find in I Corinthians - the other passage - I Corinthians 9:13-14 - No, that's ahead of us - it's Romans 12:⁶7-8, he says, "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of our faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministry; or he that teacheth, on teaching; he that exhorteth, on exhortation; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness." There seems to be a distinction here between the one that rules and the one that teaches. The Lord has given gifts and the Lord alone is authority over what gifts

But as we'll see under a later head, men have the responsibility to decide to do their ~~best~~ ^{best} they can the Lord has given them and to ordain a situation whereby they can work together

Yes? (Student question) No, I think the Lord may very well have given more than one gift to an individual. Especially if you noticed in the other verse we looked at in I Timothy - he said the elders that rule well, especially they that labor in the word of the doctrine - that would imply that labor is in the word and the doctrine - that would imply also has a voice in the rule - that is, the teaching elder would have a voice in the ruling. But there would probably be more who shared the responsibility of ruling (Student question) They certainly ought to all try it - there's no question of that. (Student question) I don't think you could get back to it, no I don't because he says, "The elders that rule well, especially those that labor in the word" - that would certainly

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