

ELDER/BOARD

MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

Church of the Open Bible – Iowa Falls

The Elders/Board shall serve under the supervision of the Pastor. They are appointed by Church vote every 2 years.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Be a partner with Open Bible Church.
- Be a team player supporting Open Bible Church's vision, leadership, and policies.
- Be a wise steward of the people who serve with you.
- Communicate people and ministry concerns to your Pastor.
- Keep appropriate boundaries with people in both action and appearance.
- Keep your spiritual life fresh and growing.
- Practice and promote conflict resolution according to Matthew 18:15-17.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist and advise the Pastor in his/her ministry – i.e. Care, Communication, Conflict Resolution, Contacts, Counseling, and Covering Services and Events.
- Assist in promoting and shaping the vision.
- Be a part of corporate prayer proceedings monthly.
- Be a visible part of ministry during Special Events.
- Be confidential with sensitive information.
- Have minor children at home participating in Open Bible Church ministries.
- Meet regularly with the Elder Board.
- Model the Biblical guidelines for Elders/Board members in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1, and partner with excellence.
- Pray for the Pastor (family & ministry).
- Provide accountability for the Pastor.
- Willing to serve wherever needed.
- Faithfully attend Church services and events.

ELDER/BOARD MINISTRY POSITION

This position is a place of leadership. Three types of leadership that will be expected to be displayed will be:

1. Surrendered Leadership – We are all under authority, keep yourself in a surrendered posture to the Lord and to one another.
2. Spiritual Leadership – 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1, be Spirit led.
3. Servant Leadership – Counsel, pray, encourage and use accountability.

In keeping with these types of leadership, following are 6 Principles that are a must as you serve your team as an Elder/Board member for Church of the Open Bible.

1. A Follower of Christ

Daily personal Bible and prayer time, as well as regular times of personal worship. Be honest with yourself and Pastor if this position is not where you need to be. Everyone experiences stages in life when we have to let things go, if you need to step down, do so. Don't serve just to serve, serve to make an impact!

2. Faithfulness To Your Family

Build up your marriage and keep it strong. Be proactive, not reactive. Keep a great relationship with your spouse and your children by keeping their activities a priority. Place your family in a place of honor.

3. A Heart for Our Church

Seek to out others first. Model integrity and honesty as you live life to the fullest and spur others to grow in Christ. Pray faithfully for the Pastor, each other and the church members. Keep confidences when dealing with a Elder/Board sensitive issue. Respect each other and the members of the Church.

4. Keep Your Hands to the Plow

Be willing to be the first one to help, be willing to put in the time. Place your agenda aside and work as a team member. Remember God is at the lead,

keep Him there. Be thankful for this position and pray to complete the journey in it well.

5. Be a Personal Harvester

Always keep a circle of influence, people who you can invest in and disciple and those who are in need of Jesus. Make it a point to share your testimony and invite people to the Church. We all have been commissioned to reach out to the lost, even Elders/Board.

6. Be a Life-Long Learner

None of us have arrived. Seek out others that can enrich and challenge you to be the best you can be. Read, study, attend classes and enjoy developing new skills. Keep yourself active and being disciplined so you can in turn do the same.