

- In constant need of renewal

How about the *ministry* of the church?

- Ideally, all that we do is _____ by the Holy Spirit
- Priests to each other and to the world (I Peter 2:9)
- Spiritual gifts

Ministry in human efforts alone might produce human results. Ministry undertaken out by more than human efforts, has the potential of producing more than human results (I Cor. 2:1-5)

The calling and gift of spiritual oversight

- Elders, bishops, and pastors (Acts 20; Titus 1:5, 7; I Peter 5:1, 2)
- Character matters (I Tim. 3:1ff; Titus 1:5ff; I Peter 5:1ff)
- And deacons? (Acts 6; I Tim. 3:8-10;12-13)

The New Testament Church

- Quite _____ in truth, principle, and spiritual dynamic
- Yet _____ in customs and culture