

# MELVIN JOURNAL

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## In the Bible

*Peter was the first Lay Pastor.*

### A. NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES:

#### 1. I Peter 5:1-4 - The Magna Charta of the Lay Pastors Ministry.

[The Magna Charta (Great Charter) was a constitution guaranteeing fundamental personal and other rights to the citizens of England. It was obtained by English barons from King John on June 15, 1215. I Peter 5:1-4 is our Great Charter. It guarantees fundamental pastoral care to members of Christ's Church. The church is bound to both The Great Commission (Matt. 28: 19-20) AND The Great Charter. Chapter 4 in The Lay-Driven Church makes a case for a ministry balanced church to fulfill both Great Commission and The Great Charter. You may wish to take the people through a brief study of I Peter 5:1-4 before going further.]

#### 2. Jon 21:15-17 - Peter was the first Lay Pastor.

#### 3. Ephesians 4:11-12 - What kind of "works of service" (ministry) will:

- a. Build up the Body (v.12)
- b. Promote unity (v. 13a)
- c. Advance maturity (v. 13b)

NOTE: The answer is Lay Pastors Ministry.

### B. OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

#### THE MOSAIC MODEL, Exodus 18 (pp. 42-43)

- 1. The leaders will be able to use their gifts.
- 2. The people will be adequately cared for.
- 3. Moses is released to fulfill his task of spiritual leader.
  - a. He is to teach the decrees and laws of God.
  - b. He was to show them the way to live and the duties they are to perform.
  - c. He was to select capable leaders.
  - d. He was to deal with the more difficult matters.
  - e. The people will share the load with him.

NOTE: This is a general ministry description for the "Moses" of every Church.

*from Leader's Manual*



**Have you ever** preached as pastor in Ephesians 4:11-12 at pulpit? How were their responses? Do you have any colleagues who are truly shared this biblical references?

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