

*Pray For The Elders  
Why Should We Pray For  
the Elders of The Churches of Christ?*

(1) Because the Apostle Paul speaking to the Elders in Ephesus saying, “also of your own selves shall men (Elders) arise speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after them” (**Acts 20:30**). Splitting the church... The first one in the church of Christ according to history, because there is but one church of Christ (**Matt. 16: 18**). That which the Apostle Paul spake to the Elders soon came to pass. After the Elders split the church, then the ugly head of Catholicism arose, and from the Catholic Church the other denominations arose. That is one reason we should pray fervently for the elders.

(2) Because even in the Dallas, Fort Worth area churches have split to splinters. Some of them have begun to look and practice things like the denominational churches.

(3) Elders that have been ordained as overseers (Administrators) of the church have relinquished their authority to the Evangelist or to the “Head Elder”, so called.

Pray for the elders and the Evangelist, we humbly and sincerely ask for your prayers. Is it nothing to you seeing and hearing about so many churches of Christ being divided? It would probably cause tears to run down from the Apostle Paul’s eyes (**I Cor. 1:10-13**). More so Jesus Christ, who died on the cross, shed His blood and purchased the church. He appointed twelve Apostles over His church and while their work was in progress elders were ordained by the Holy Ghost in individual churches to be overseers of the church and to feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood (**Acts 20: 28**).

Oh! Lord we need Elders who are sound in the doctrine, and overseers of the church, and know how to feed the church, through rightly dividing the word of truth (**II Tim. 2:15**). If members of the church would follow the elders that are sound in the faith there would never be splits in the churches of Christ. Brothers and Sisters pray for the Elders. May God bless you and keep you.

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