



BIBLICAL ELDERSHIP RESOURCES
Providing Biblically Based Resources to Encourage the Practice of Eldership

Is Partnering with **BER** Right for You?

We are looking for partnerships with individuals and organizations who share our long-term vision for elder-leadership training.

WHAT IS BIBLICAL ELDERSHIP RESOURCES?

Biblical Eldership Resources (BER) develops high-quality training material for equipping elders and leaders in the local church and to assist them in training future leaders. It is the only online school of its kind. Our method focuses on helping local churches implement what the apostle Paul mandated for Timothy:

"The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." (2 Timothy 2:2)

BER builds up local church elders, who will in turn build up others.

WHO DEVELOPED BIBLICAL ELDERSHIP RESOURCES?

When the book *Biblical Eldership: An Urgent Call to Restore Biblical Church Leadership* (1986) was first published, a non-profit ministry, *Church Reform and Revitalization (CR&R)*, was formed to publish sound biblical resources for restoring biblical eldership to churches. The book-publishing wing of CR&R is called *Lewis and Roth Publishers* (www.lewisandroth.org). The *Biblical Eldership* book has become a standard textbook for training elders in many churches, with distribution that continues to grow globally among hundreds of thousands of church leaders. L&R's resources have been translated into 40 languages.

The need for adding online training material became evident, and Biblical Eldership Resources (BER) was born to meet that need. Together with L&R, BER has had a widespread influence throughout the world and is poised for long-term, lasting impact on leaders and churches into the future.

BER has the **plan**, the **tools** and the **people**...

WHY IS BIBLICAL ELDERSHIP RESOURCES CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO LOCAL CHURCHES?

The 3rd Lausanne Congress in Cape Town, Africa (2011) identified the worldwide problem of inadequate training for pastors and elders. As the leaders go, so goes the church. BER addresses this universally recognized need by providing in-church, quality education by means of the internet and our unique School of the Shepherds program.

*More than 90 percent of the world's pastors – the leaders of Christ's Church – are **undertrained**. -Dr. Ramesh Richard, RREACH*

BER provides “in-church” leadership training that is:



Accessible: Available everywhere there is internet access.



Scalable: Usable in churches of any size.



Reproducible: Designed for churches to train their own potential and emerging leaders.



Affordable: Online resources are low cost, subsidized or free.



Sustainable: Engages the church in developing a culture of leadership education.

BER helps fulfill the Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20):

Biblically qualified, effective and functioning shepherd elders breed healthy churches.

Healthy churches produce growing disciples.

Growing disciples make disciples of all people.

Missionaries sent out by healthy elder-led churches will reproduce healthy leadership patterns in new congregations.

...for equipping one generation of elders and leaders in the local church to pass the baton of leadership to the next generation of elders and leaders.

HOW IS BER A GOOD STEWARDSHIP INVESTMENT?

BER's method utilizes the most educationally-effective and cost-efficient means of training, in the following ways:



Educationally:

- Hundreds of original video-based leadership lessons
- Lessons taught once (recorded video), lessons viewed repeatedly
- Teaching that is concise, to-the-point
- Adaptable to students' learning styles (video, audio, text)
- Exposure to a variety of video teachers
- Personal interaction with local mentors
- Local church ownership of the process
- Home church field-education opportunities



Monetarily:

- No expensive transportation or accommodations
 - No physical buildings to maintain
 - No disruption in learners' secular work
 - No divorcing education from the home church environments
 - Remarkably low cost compared with traditional approaches to training. This makes possible a greater impact on the local churches that can be truly global.
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No other *online training tool* comes close to the comprehensiveness of BER for developing local church shepherding across the denominational and regional spectrum.

-Alexander Strauch, author of *Biblical Eldership*

WHY PARTNER WITH BIBLICAL ELDERSHIP RESOURCES?

1. BER is a natural fit for those who love the Church universal and want to see more biblical, health elder-led churches.
2. Training elders affects every ministry in local churches. So your partnership with BER affects entire churches.
3. BER is a long-term investment for here and eternity. Your help will be used by God to fulfill his promise to the church: "For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus" (Phil 1:6).

4. BER has the team, the plan and the people to impact far beyond our current level of influence. Your financial and prayer partnership can help us expand and keep improving.

5. By investing in BER, you will be partnering with other individuals and organizations that we are working with, including RREACH Association, The Gospel Coalition, Bible.org, BiblicalTraining.com, Christian Missions in Many Lands (USA) and MSC Canada.

WAYS You Can Partner with BER

The vision to impact local churches worldwide is huge. BER is developing a network of partners who share our long term vision for elder-training.

We need partners "on the ground" who will help spread the BER ministry in various regions around the world (Phil 2:25).

We need partners "with the resources" who can share financially to help cover the costs (Phil 4:16).

We need partners "before the Lord," upholding this ministry in prayer, for "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it" (Ps 127:1).

For specific projects, please contact us and we will provide pertinent information.



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