

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Church Government

1. Jesus said that every \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ divided against itself will surely fall (Matthew 12:25-26).

2. Those who reject God’s government, sets themselves up as self-governing. True or False

3. Satan led an angelic \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ against God’s government in the eternities past.

4. Government involves:

A. Territory

B. People

C. \_\_\_\_\_

5. The powers that be are not ordained of God. True or False

6. Government in the universe is ordained of God. All things exist by His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by His Word. Law is the \_\_\_\_\_.

7. Without government lawlessness and \_\_\_\_\_ will prevail.

8. Name four Divinely appointed realms of Government in the universe, touching both earth and heaven:

- \* \_\_\_\_\_
- \* \_\_\_\_\_
- \* \_\_\_\_\_
- \* \_\_\_\_\_

9. Name the three examples of the overthrow of the Government:

- \* \_\_\_\_\_
- \* \_\_\_\_\_
- \* \_\_\_\_\_

10. The challenge against God’s authority and government has been challenged over the centuries. True or False

11. The Church, like Israel of old, has followed world systems of government instead of God’s system of government. True or False

12. Anthropologists tells us that basically there are five possible types of human government. True or False

## 13. Matching:

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| ___ Oligarchy    | A. Government by old men.                           |
| ___ Monarchy     | B. Government by God through appointed authorities. |
| ___ Gerontocracy | C. Government by one man or woman.                  |
| ___ Democracy    | D. Government by an elite few.                      |
| ___ Theocracy    | E. Government by a large portion of the people.     |

14. The Monarchical rule is seen in the Church under the papal and Episcopal forms of government.  
True or False

15. False cults and their leaders have taken numerous people into slavery and death.  
True or False

16. The word “hierarchy” means “a group officials” who together rule the people. True or False

17. Oligarchy is government by a \_\_\_\_\_ few.

18. King Solomon took counsel with young men during his reign. True or False

19. The Hierarchical form of government is the rule of the Priests or Bishops over God’s people.  
True or False

20. Democracy is government by the minority of the people. True or False

21. The congregational form of government is democracy. True or False

22. The autocratic form of government is found in the Roman Catholic Church. True or False

23. In viewing Divine government in the Old Testament times, we find that it falls into two major areas. Name them:

- A. \_\_\_\_\_  
B. \_\_\_\_\_

24. Who judged Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden? \_\_\_\_\_

25. It was under the Noahic Covenant that God introduced human government, the government of men by men. True or False

26. Theocracy is “God-rule.” True or False

27. Moses was sovereignly called and chosen of God to rule His people Israel. True or False

28. Elijah was not sovereignly called and chosen of God to rule His people Israel. True or False

29. On other occasions God chose men by using human vessels to confirm His choice.  
True or False.
30. By a word of \_\_\_\_\_ from Jethro Moses chose able and \_\_\_\_\_ men to be judges and rulers over God's people and share the load with him.
31. It was God who chose Saul through \_\_\_\_\_ to be their king.
32. The tribe of Levi was chosen by God through \_\_\_\_\_ and then gave to \_\_\_\_\_ as a gift for the service of the sanctuary.
33. Parents are the authority under God. True or False
34. Government in the Church is a \_\_\_\_\_ from God.
35. Every government has a HEAD. True or False
36. God has committed the key of \_\_\_\_\_ and the government of His kingdom into his hand (Isaiah 22:20-14).
37. Christ is the Head of all \_\_\_\_\_ and power (I Corinthians 11:3).
38. The HUSBAND is the Head of his wife. True or False
39. Many times human headship and heads of denominations and congregations usurp the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ bringing \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ into the Body of Christ.
40. The Head governs and directs every member of the \_\_\_\_\_ body.
41. Christ, as the HEAD of the Church, is perfect and infallible. True or False
42. God is Head over Christ, Christ is Head over the \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_
43. The endeavors of men, of denominations and organizations, to set up a "World Church" with a "Central World Headquarters" is \_\_\_\_\_ to Scripture.
44. There was a "Central Headquarters" for the Church in the Book of Acts. True or False
45. One of the clearest revelations of Christ in the midst of His Church is the vision given to \_\_\_\_\_ on the Isle of \_\_\_\_\_.
46. The original Church at Jerusalem was founded by \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ Apostles of the Lamb.
47. There was a great Church established at Antioch. True or False

48. While the Twelve Apostles were alive, the Church maintained that plurality of \_\_\_\_\_, together ruling and caring for the flock of \_\_\_\_\_.
49. It should be noted that Timothy was a novice in the Church. True or False
50. Diotrephes was favored by many of the Apostles. True or False
51. Eusebius (300) AD, writing of the time of the Apostles used the term Bishop and Presbyter interchangeably. True or False
52. Who called the Dark ages the “Church’s Babylonian Captivity?” \_\_\_\_\_
53. The word “Bishop” was of Greek City State \_\_\_\_\_.
54. Nature itself, as also mankind, teaches the principle that \_\_\_\_\_ must take the leadership.
55. Bad government is sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ to no government.
56. Plato in “The Republic,” his great discourse on human government, describes the process of human government. True or False
57. It is recognized that the Lord Jesus Christ is the CHIEF ELDER alone and among all other Elders (I Peter 2:25; 5:4). True or False
58. Paul and Silas were spoken of as “chief men among the brethren” (Acts 15:22; 14:12).  
True or False
59. Joshua was the “set man” as captain over the hosts of Israel. True or False
60. The Jewish Sanhedrin consisted of \_\_\_\_\_ Priests, \_\_\_\_\_ Scribes then \_\_\_\_\_ Elders, and then the one High Priest, making the Council of the \_\_\_\_\_.
61. The safeguard was that the set men always worked in conjunction with other \_\_\_\_\_, but each illustrates the \_\_\_\_\_ of “first among equals.”
62. After Peter leaves Jerusalem, \_\_\_\_\_ becomes the senior shepherd at Jerusalem.
63. Timothy is spoken of as the first Bishop of the Church of Ephesus. True or False
64. Titus ordained the first Bishop of Ephesus. True or False
65. Nymphas had a church in his home. True or False
66. No one man is especially designated “Pastor” in Acts or the Epistles. True or False

67. The number of Elders in any local Church will depend on the reduction of the flock of God.  
True or False

68. The word “Elder” is actually as old as the human race and the \_\_\_\_\_ itself and it is the most common and earliest human \_\_\_\_\_ of all.

69. Old Testament Eldership -- plurality.

\* The Elders of Egypt (Genesis 50:7). True or False

\* The Elders of the Congregation (I Samuel 16:4). True or False

\* The Elders of Moab (Psalms 107:32). True or False

\* The Elders of Midian (Numbers 22:7). True or False

\* The Elders of Judah (Acts 22:5). True or False

Thus, we have:

(1) Elders of a House/Family True or False

(2) Elders of a Nation True or False

(3) Elders of the Tribes True or False

(4) Elders of the Tabernacle True or False

70. About sixty times the word Elders in the New Testament is an official sense in its plural form.

\* They ordained Elders in every Church (Acts 14:23). True or False

\* The Elders of Jerusalem (Acts 16:4). True or False

\* Elders of Ephesus (Romans 1:5). True or False

\* St. Paul wrote to the Bishops and Deacons at Philippi (Philippians 1:1). True or False

\* The Lamb was in the midst of the 24 Elders (Revelation 4-5). True or False

\* There were “prophets and teachers” at Byzantium. True or False

\* A presbytery is a group of Elders in any given gathering (I Timothy 4:14). It is the order of Eldership. True or False

71. Not only does the Old Testament show the plurality of Eldership, it also teaches the co-equality

within that plurality of Eldership. True or False

72. The wisdom of God is seen in the plurality because it:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(5) \_\_\_\_\_

73. There is a variety of personality, degrees of spirituality and measures of God-given \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ within the Eldership.

74. We note this in the following:

\* Peter stood up with the eleven as a co-equal Apostle, at Pentecost (Acts 2:14). True or False

\* Peter said he was an Elder over other Elders (I Peter 6:20). True or False

\* Paul reprovved the Corinthians for their carnality in exalting one ministry above another and glorying in men (I Corinthians 1:10-16; 3:21-23). True or False

75. However, as noted previously, though there is co-equality as office (all being “fellow-elders”), there is not equality as to \_\_\_\_\_, responsibility, or \_\_\_\_\_

76. To whom much is given, more \_\_\_\_\_ is upon them.

77. The authority of an Elder is connected with his ability to \_\_\_\_\_ the flock of God.

78.

\* Elders must not submit one to another (I Peter 5:1-3). True or False

\* Elders must be “joined in the spirit” (Numbers 18). True or False

\* Elders must not maintain a servant spirit (Mark 20:25). True or False

\* Elders must be loyal to each other. True or False

79. The Church is not a Democrat institution. True or False
80. The congregation must control the headship as to the direction of the Church.  
True or False
81. The congregation must not take it into their own hands to discipline leadership.  
True or False
82. The congregation may pray for those who rule over them. True or False
83. The “Threefold Cord” of (1) Chief Elder (or Bishop), and (2) multiple Eldership (presbytery), and (3) The Saints (or congregation) all working together in the Spirit of Christ, is God’s way of checks and balances in the government of the local Church. True or False
84. The government, after all, must be upon His shoulders (Isaiah 9:6-9). True or False
85. The presiding Elder or Bishop presents final decisions for the congregation and speaks as the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ for the eldership as the “set man.”
86. The congregation consent, respond and confirm the major decisions of the eldership according to their area of \_\_\_\_\_.